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► STUDENTS ON DEAN'S LIST

## Leon, Brown say figures not high

By T.R. HANRAHAN

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Roughly 14 percent of full-time students at Missouri Southern find themselves at the top of the academic heap.

Southern's dean's list for fall 1991 contained an all-time high of 523 students. The list is comprised of students with a grade-point average of 175 or higher, 12 or more credit hours, no incomplete courses, and grades lower than a 'C.'

The 523 students on the fall 1991 list represent more than 14 percent of the 3,656 students enrolled full-time.

Despite the record numbers, college officials do not consider them exceedingly high.

"I don't think so," College President Julio Leon said. "It doesn't seem to be a large number. If we were to be 20 or 25 percent, then I think we would have cause for concern."

The percentage of full-time students on the dean's list over the last two semesters shows while the numbers have not been as large, the percentage has hovered between 12 and 14 percent.

Fall semester numbers seem to be lower than those in the spring.

For the 1989 fall semester, 453 students made the list out of a total of 3,685 full-time students. Students making the list represented 12.3 percent of all full-time students.

The numbers for the 1990 fall semester are similar. During fall 1990, approximately 12.1 percent (452 of the 3,742 full-time students) were named to the dean's list.

Figures from the 1991 fall semester demonstrated a rise in this percentage. During fall 1991, 523 of 3,656, or 14.3 percent, of all full-time students made the list.

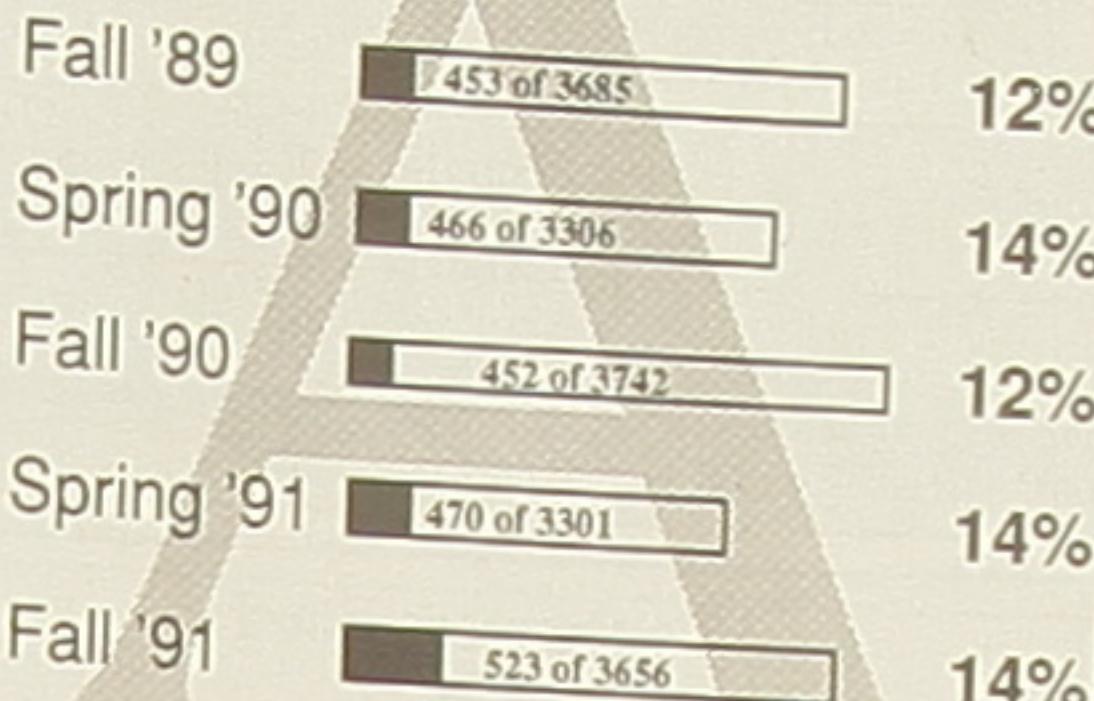
Although spring semester enrollment traditionally is down from the fall numbers, the percentage of students making the dean's list rose.

Numbers from the 1990 spring semester show 466 students, or 14 percent, of the 3,306 enrolled full-time made the list.

The 1990 spring semester showed a similar increase from the previous fall. While enrollment fell by 441 full-time students, the number making the dean's list rose by 18. Likewise, the percentage of full-time students achieving honors rose from 12 to more than 14 percent.

### MAKING THE GRADE

Number of students with 3.75 or better grade-point average, compared with number of full-time students.



JEFFREY SLATTON / The Chart

"There seems to be an institutional pattern," said Dr. Robert Brown, vice president for academic affairs. "I don't have a regional or national pattern to compare those numbers to, but I would guess they are not too high."

Brown and Leon said changes in policy and admissions standards have an effect on the figures.

"I think it will go up," Brown said. "As admissions standards change, students come to us better prepared and attain a higher level of achievement."

According to Dr. Gene Mouser, registrar, his office does not keep a record of the number of students making the list each semester.

"There is no semester by semester tally of that," he said. "That list is generated by computer and provided to [the] public information [office]."

Mouser did say the figures could be affected by total enrollment.

"As enrollment increases, you would expect those numbers to rise," he said.

## ► FINANCIAL AID

## Gilbert: system first of its kind

### Other colleges may model it

By SUSAN HOSKINS

STAFF WRITER

Leading the pack in financial aid transfer, Missouri Southern's financial aid office is pioneering computer-transferred financial aid application.

This system is the first of its kind in the country.

Jim Gilbert, director of student financial aid, said the system will save time for the applicant.

"With the hard-copy application, it took four to six weeks for them to process it," he said. "Now with the

application and make an appointment to enter the information in the computer. It usually takes two weeks for the information to be processed."

Gilbert said the system will better suit the individual needs of the applicant.

"As a whole, the system is easier," he said. "It is focused. It gives a focal point of view. It only asks applicable questions. It is easier to operate than any system around."

Gilbert said the system is more reliable and less inclined to include mistakes as the hard-copy version.

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current system, Pell Grant applicants can have their applications processed in 36 hours."

Because of the uniqueness of the program, Gilbert will travel to Washington, D.C. to meet with an advisory board.

"They will attempt to use Southern as a model to have other colleges set up a program like ours," he said.

The system also will be improved next year. It will become possible to find out at the time of application entry what aid the applicant will be eligible for.

"Our goal is a fully-integrated, electronic system set up in a decentralized environment that is capable of handling a lot of problems in a expedient, accurate, and cost-efficient manner," Gilbert said.

He said the system was necessary to meet the needs of the growing enrollment.

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Applicants fill out the standard

number of errors," he said. "The average for hard copy is 41 percent; the computer system is much less."

Currently, the system has hookups in eight area schools. While the system would make the application process easier for incoming freshmen, Gilbert reports that many high schools are reluctant to use the system.

"We are finding that they're surprised the system is there and available," he said. "We have had our best response from the students who are already enrolled."

Gilbert said the development of the program is a cornerstone in his career.

"In one's career, when you do something of this magnitude, it is satisfying," he said. "It gives one a great sense of personal satisfaction to do your job not only for the money, but for integrity. I feel good about the situation."

He said the staff in the financial aid office was a big help in implementing the program.

"One's office is as bad as the worst person there," he said. "It has been a rough time this year. Without the staff, it would have never worked. We have a real good staff."

## ► PERSONNEL OFFICE

## Leggett & Platt executive accepts offer here

### Academic atmosphere intrigues Agee

KAYLEA HUTSON

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Starting on Monday, April 27, Missouri Southern employees will see a new face in the personnel office.

Dr. Theresa Viani Agee, currently senior employment relations representative for Leggett & Platt, Inc., will take Doug Tiede's position as director of personnel.

The positions with a \$40,000 salary. Dr. Theresa Agee will train with Coen until he

retires May 8.

Originally, plans were set for Coen's replacement to be in place for training by April 1.

"We weren't able to make that timeline," said Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president. "There was not any real reason. It just took that long for the bureaucracy to work."

Tiede said the reduced amount of training is not a problem.

"It's not like Doug is not going to be available," he said. "We are going to ask him to stay on through May 8."

Tiede said 45 people applied for the position, with one applicant coming from Southern.

"Most [applicants] had ties back to the area," he said.

The applicants were screened by

Tiede and a committee. Of the seven asked to return for interviews, five accepted.

Tiede said several characteristics led to Agee being chosen by the committee.

"There are four things in my mind as to why she was chosen," he said. "No. 1 was the breadth of her experience. She is involved in all areas there (Leggett and Platt)."

The second was her previous experience with the insurance company. Her law degree was also a factor. Her personality was also a factor. She seemed really empathetic and concerned about people."

Agee said the career move is something she has long considered.

"I've always been intrigued by the academic atmosphere," she said. "I just like the academic setting where

everyone is growing and learning, trying to improve themselves."

"It is the same line of work, but just in a different environment."

Agee said one thing she might like to do at Southern is teach.

"I've done some teaching," she said. "I'd like to get back into that."

Agee said she does not foresee any problems in switching from corporate personnel to Southern.

"I anticipate it to be very smooth and exciting," she said. "I've got the background in personnel law and my law degree, so I'll feel comfortable."

Tiede said he does not expect many changes to occur after Agee takes over the office.

"Mr. Coen has done a good job and has been able to achieve good results," he said.

## ► FIVE-YEAR REACCREDITATION

## 'Fabulous news' comes to College from NCATE

By T.R. HANRAHAN

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Formal notification that Missouri Southern has been reaccredited for five years is "fabulous news," College officials said today.

College President Julio Leon told the secondary education committee the notification from the team he visited Missouri Southern on March 28-30.

"It is absolutely an outstanding college," said Dr. Robert Brown, vice president for academic affairs. "I am proud of the fact that Missouri Southern was cited as being strong in core areas that make up a teacher education program."

Brown said the College is working to improve these numbers, though.

"We recruit and we send students and groups to urban areas," he said. "We also have the Hammons program, which works with minorities. There are a number of programs we have to improve in that area."

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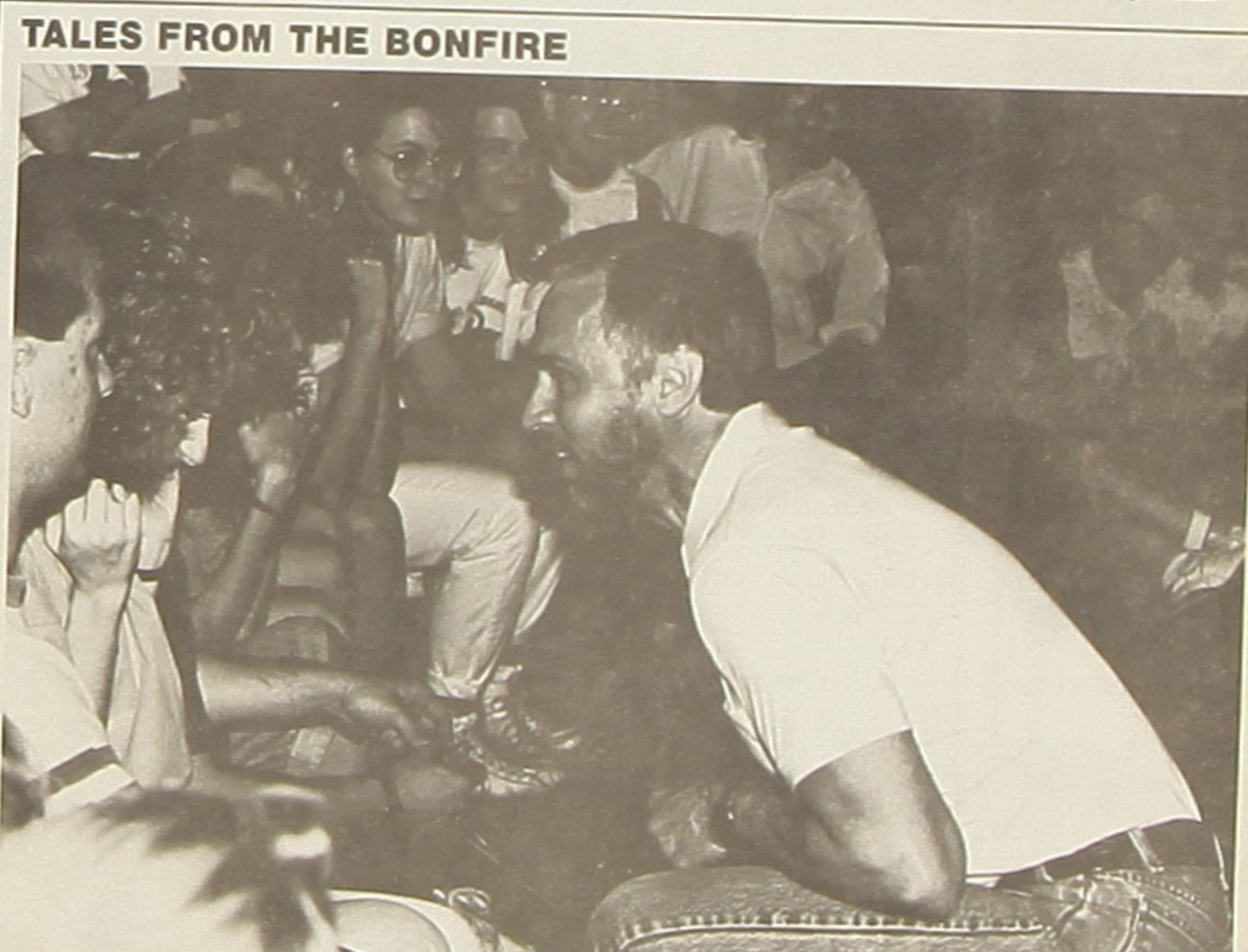
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### TALES FROM THE BONFIRE



Melvin Doubledee draws the crowd into his scary story Tuesday night at a Spring Fling '92 bonfire behind the Ecumenical parking lot.

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## ► STUDENT SENATE

# Picnic fund gets \$1,000 to help pay debt

Mix-up causes '91 Spring Fling deficit

By KAYLEA HUTSON  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

In an unusual move, the Student Senate moved to allocate funds to an organization, without being asked first.

During last night's meeting, senators moved to use \$1,000 of the \$2,578.77 in surplus funds to help the Campus Activities Board pay off the 1991 picnic fund debt.

"There was a mix-up in the business office last year, which caused the picnic fund to be overspent," said Lory St. Clair, Senate treasurer. "The CAB budget has been trying to repay that debt."

The funding allocation came after senior senator Rick LaFlore suggested untabling a previous motion to give surplus funds to the Missouri Southern Foundation. Previously, the Senate had tabled a motion to

give money to the Phon-A-Thon until all funding allocations for this semester had been granted.

However, some senators thought the money should be returned to the students.

"This money is from the student activity fee, so send it back to the students, [give it] to CAB," said Rami Shultz, sophomore senator.

Shultz suggested the funds be used for the picnic fund, because all students have the opportunity to participate in it.

"I think most students, especially commuters, will remember the Spring Fling [picnic]," Shultz said.

Senior senator Dave Swenson said it was a good idea for the Senate to help pay off the picnic fund debt.

"I think it is very responsible of Senate," he said, "since we were partially responsible for the debt."

Senate vice president Amber

Commons agreed.

"Since CAB has been pulling funds out of their treasury to pay off the debt, it is only fair that we do," Commons said.

Swenson said the CAB is being asked to pay off the debt this year.

In other business, the Senate moved to reject a constitution presented to it by the Society for Creative Anachronism. Commons said two items in the group's constitution which caused problems included its membership clause and the length of time a person could be an officer.

"[It] did not state the terms of an officer," she said. "An officer can only be in office for one year."

"After I contacted the president, she said they would change it to a two-year term like the national constitution, but that would not work either because you could be the president after graduation."

Commons said the other problem concerned the membership. Accor-

ding to the constitution submitted by the group, membership is open to "anyone of any age that possesses a properly filled out waiver. Minors must have parents' signatures on waivers."

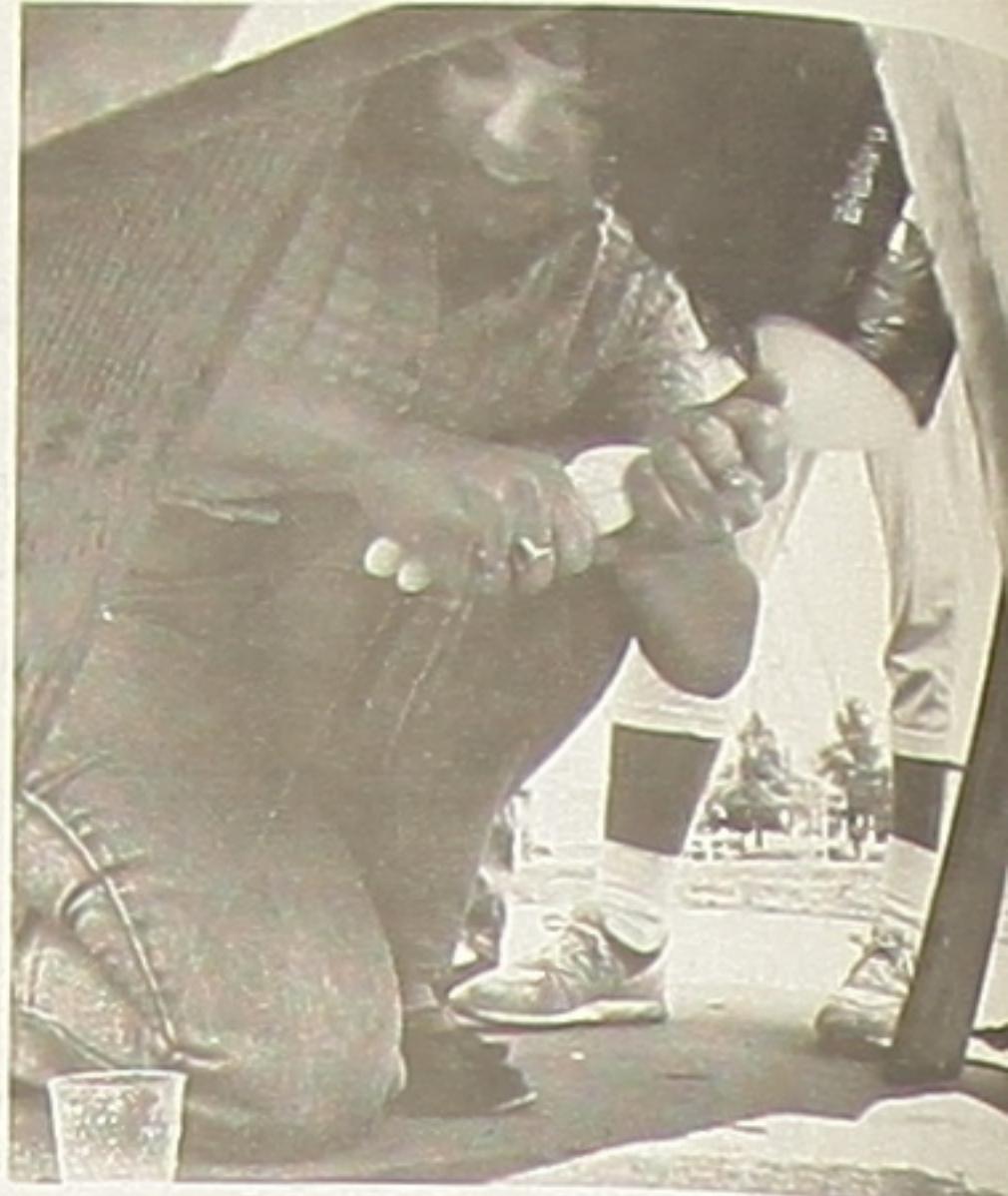
"The way that reads, anyone can be a member, and it is not limited to Missouri Southern students," she said, "because there are not many minors in college."

"The president said she had been told the student membership only had to be 51 percent, with the other coming from elsewhere. But to be an official campus organization, it has to be 100 percent students."

Commons said the group would have the chance to make changes to the constitution and re-submit it next fall.

At 6 p.m. Wednesday, after the Senate meeting, candidates for 1992-93 executive officers will participate in a question-answer session open to students and campus organizations.

## ONE BIG SQUIRT!



Lisa Werst, senior communications major, participates in a milking contest Monday, as part of Spring Fling '92 activities.

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## Outstanding Teaching Awards

Nomination forms are available in the Mansion, Mathews Hall, Billingsly Student Center, Reynolds Hall, Spiva Library, Hearnes Hall, the Fine Arts Complex, and Taylor Hall. Forms should be completed and placed in the campus services mailbox 110 which is located in Office Services, Hearnes Hall 106, no later than Friday, April 24.

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## Leon to speak at graduation

College President Julio Leon will give the Missouri Southern commencement address on Saturday, May 16.

"Because it is my 10th anniversary as College president, I've asked the president (Gilbert Roper) of the

Board [of Regents] if it would be right for me to speak at commencement," Leon said.

Leon, a native of Chile, was named College President in June 1982.

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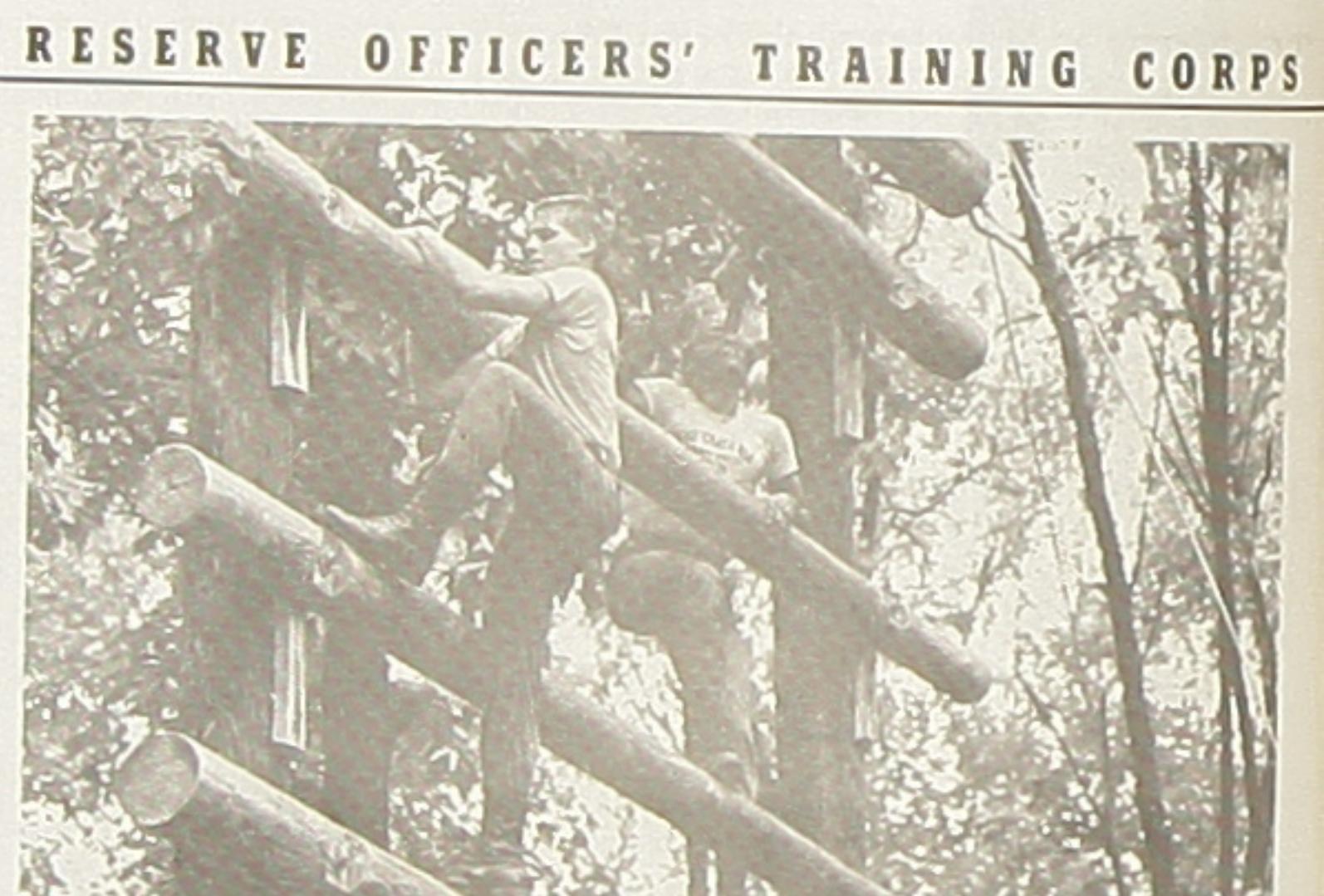
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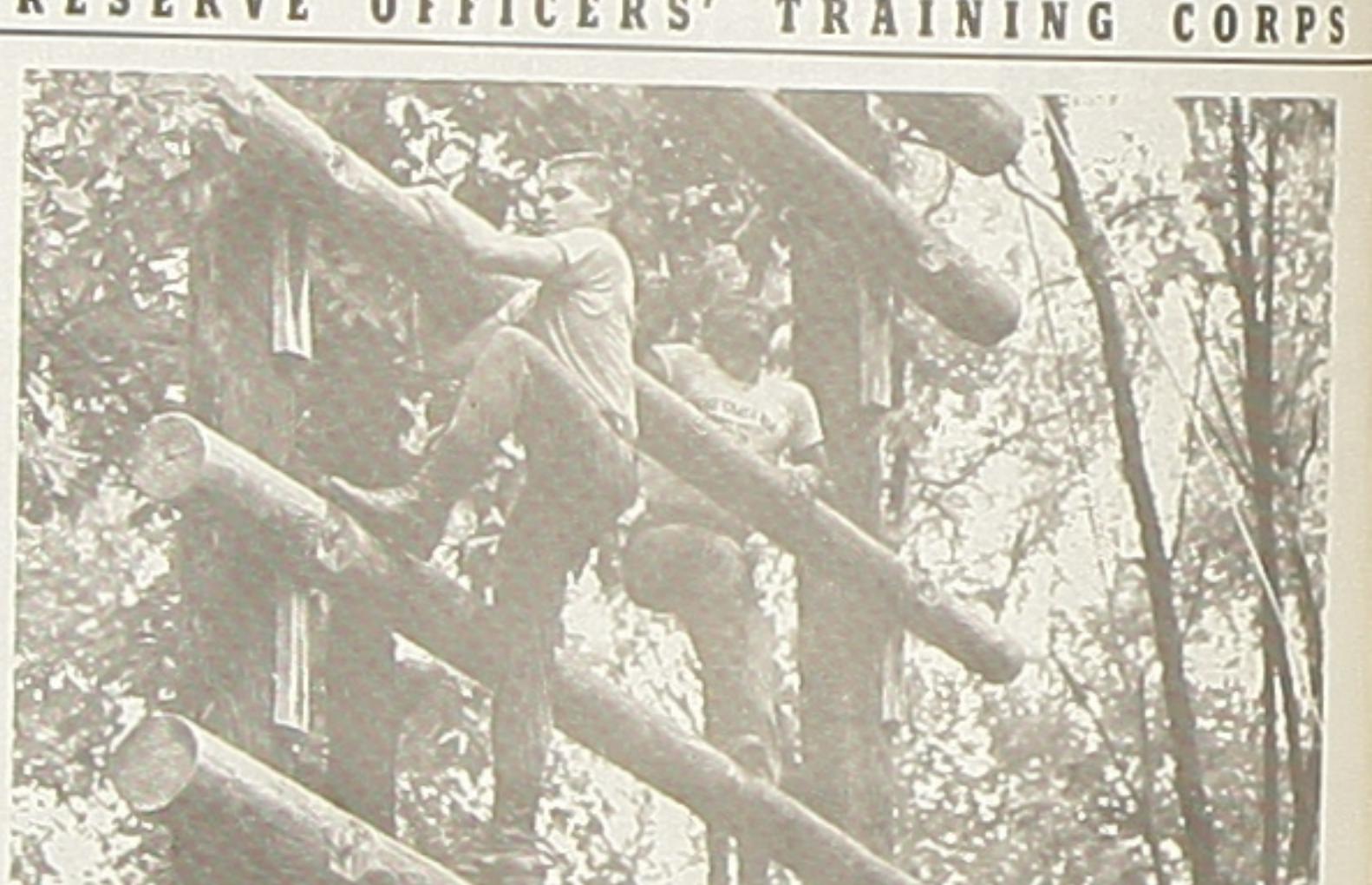
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## OUR EDITORIALS

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## A long list?

Is excellence getting less exclusive? The dean's list for Missouri Southern typically contains 12 to 14 percent of the full-time student population, and that leads one to wonder whether that is a bit too inclusive.

Southern officials don't think so. College President Julio Leon said if it were 20 or 25 percent, then the warning bells might be sounded. Dr. Robert Brown, vice president for academic affairs, said the percentage even may go up as the quality of students improves.

We wonder if membership in the top 14 percent is really as meaningful as it should be. Offhand, 10 percent seems a more realistic figure. If we insist on flexing our academic muscles, let's not make the exercises too easy.

We wonder what the figure is at other colleges and universities throughout Missouri and across the nation. Brown said he doesn't have those figures. Perhaps someone should try to find them.

We wonder if certain programs place a disproportionately high number of students on the list. Do some of our departments need to turn their difficulty level up a notch?

Finally, and most quizzically, we wonder why Hearnes Hall academic offices did not have the figures on hand. Instead, we were sent to the public information office. Gwen Hunt and Rod Surber's files of old press releases were helpful where the logical sources were not. Does that make sense?

We suggest that academic officials start tracking this information and keep it handy. It can only help in Southern's quest to reach the summit of the academic mountain.

## Model program

This is becoming a habit. Just when registration gets annoying enough, the registrar's office comes up with a new computerized credit audit system. Now, financial aid has outdone itself in upgrading service to students.

Southern's computer-transferred financial aid application system is the first of its kind in the country and may become the model for all future aid programs.

Instead of the four- to six-week wait for an application to be processed, students will hear the news in 36 hours. It also is free.

Jim Gilbert, director of financial aid, said the system is faster, easier to operate, and cuts down on errors. The program is operating in eight area high schools and will make the financial aid hunt less of a challenge for incoming freshmen.

Gilbert will travel to Washington, D.C., to meet with a federal advisory board that wishes to study Southern's program.

Like most good ideas, the system was developed to solve a problem. The old manual system couldn't serve the growing enrollment any longer. Now, the new system could serve colleges from coast to coast.

We congratulate Gilbert and his staff on this exceptional effort.

## YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and should include a phone number for verification purposes. Because of space limitations, letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office in Hearnes Hall 117 or fax them to 417-623-9742 by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

## Lifestyle, not virus, reason for deaths

I want to thank The Chart for the detailed information, personal accounts, and geographical charts illustrating a pattern of infection and preventive education of AIDS across our country.

I am a heterosexual male from a small, rural town who has never used drugs in his life. Still, AIDS has touched my life—AIDS has claimed the lives of two of my friends. I regret their passing.

People who have AIDS are not case numbers, but real people who are suffering and dying. More, they leave behind grieving families and

friends who themselves risk suffering stereotypical rumors and community isolation if they dare to speak or grieve openly. In the case of my friends, neither family chose to admit the truth; still, rumors persisted and this made a horrible trauma worse.

There is another danger concerning AIDS which does not come to mind at first: a lack of detailed information which, in turn, generates

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## Time and money wasted during current pre-enrollment

I understand that the enrollment process at this college is to be streamlined by a new credit audit system. MSSC and the community will benefit from the insight and initiative demonstrated in implementing this new system.

Until that system is available, however, we must suffer with an enrollment system that is getting worse. I speak of the new policy preventing students from obtaining permits to enroll until their scheduled day of enrollment. Previously, a student was able to obtain this document and a listing of completed courses several days before enrollment. This allowed the student to organize a schedule prior to meeting his or her adviser. Often the adviser could review the schedule and make recommendations. This was a productive use of both persons' time.

Under the new policy, students may be forced to meet their adviser partially or completely unprepared; both the adviser's and student's time is wasted. Conceivably, the time an adviser spends with an individual could double.

Wishing to avoid this senseless waste, I asked the Registrar for a copy of my transcript. After completing the appropriate paperwork, the clerk walked around the filing rack filled with pre-printed enrollment forms waiting for "the proper release date." Despite the fact that the information I needed was prepared and waiting in that rack, the clerk was forced to waste time retrieving and copying my transcript. Adding to my frustration, I was appalled when I was given my "confidential" transcript and not asked for any identification.

In light of the recent failure of Proposition B, it is hard to understand how such a decrease in efficiency is tolerated. Administrators should be wondering if this institution can afford to waste time and money in this manner. While I supported Proposition B, I can now see why the voters of Missouri may have been justified in its defeat. I wonder about administration that has nothing better to do than make rules for the sake of making rules. Should this institution find itself in need of money, it should have no trouble finding places to trim fat.

Michael E. DeVoe  
Senior computer information science major



## ►EDITOR'S COLUMN

By DAWN ADAMSON

ARTS EDITOR

[Editor's note: Dawn Adamson takes an in-depth look at Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder on page 12 of this issue.]

My brother, who prefers that I not mention his name, has Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder. A short description of this is some hyperactivity mixed with an inability to focus attention even on the simplest of tasks. He also has a violent temper and rude behavior.

When he was in elementary school symptoms began to appear, although at the time we didn't know there was a real problem. My mom had gone to work, and all I heard from my grandma and my aunt was "He's younger than you and he needs your mother—he is nice to him."

This created a great resentment of my brother. I was tired of hearing about his problems. I wanted a television family. I wanted to hear "Hi, honey. How was your day?" That was never the case. I'm not saying my parents aren't good parents. But I didn't have a storybook life. Then again, who does?

My brother was having a difficult time in third grade. He was making bad grades, and we couldn't



understand why. He was doing his work at home; later, we discovered he never turned it in to his teacher.

As he got older, he used the excuse that my parents were to blame because they compared him to me. No matter how hard I try, I can't remember a single time they compared the two of us.

I resented him even more when his punishment for Ds and Fs was light and their comment for my Bs was "You can do better."

When school was out in the afternoons, my brother and I waited for my parents at home by ourselves. The usual afternoon consisted of an argument with my brother threatening, in all seriousness, that he would kill me, and my holding him down on the floor until my parents got home. That was my only protection against being hit and kicked. The reason for my fear was that I had sense enough to know when enough was enough and my brother didn't.

I still find myself in situations like this, although I am 18 and he is 16. The problem is that punishment means nothing to him. If he's grounded, who will stay home from work to babysit him? If you don't give him money, who will keep him from borrowing from friends? He has no understanding of the word "no." It simply means it is not something my parents would like him to do, but if he wants to, who are they to stop him?

He has to be told specifically what to do. For example, one day he was told never to hit me again—so he ran and jumped at me and knocked me down. What he should have been told was never to touch

me with any intent to harm.

He seems to be a follower. When he was smoked with his friends. Just last year he was up and taken to the police station for stealing car tapes. After that, he was picked up at 3 a.m. alcohol under the seat. The reason he and his friends were stopped was because their car was going a one-way street the wrong way.

When my parents woke me to inform me they were going to pick up my brother at the police station, I detected some anger. To my surprise, when they home they were talking as if nothing was wrong. Apparently they were thrilled at the fact he had not been drinking.

He is not only into trouble, but he is a danger to himself. I can't remember how many times he has broken bones.

One thing is for sure about my brother: he is boring. He can always attract attention. My parents took my brother and me out for pizza years ago. My brother spilled soda on his plate. The obvious thing to do would be to wipe it off with a napkin, but my brother proceeded to lick the like a dog.

Because of my brother's violent temper and a desire to shoot my father, our family went to a counselor. We tried to discover new methods for getting him to behave, but he didn't want to cooperate. He

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## ►IN PERSPECTIVE

## When in doubt, talk about the weather

By ROD SURBER

DIRECTOR OF THE NEWS BUREAU

My wife frequently accuses me of being boring. But I just don't understand it.

Yes, I do enjoy reading through the dictionary from time to time. But that's not boring, that's educational.

There are some great undiscovered words in there. That's not really what I want to talk about, however. Perhaps over lunch some day? Or if you're not doing anything on Friday night?

Just to show you how exciting this writer really is: let's talk about the weather!

Having resided in several locales around the Midwest, I'm reminded every fall and spring why I love this part of the country so.

It's April, and temperatures this week hit the 80s, but if one listens closely to other conversations (as any news reporter does with uncanny skill) one can hear of blizzards and sub-freezing temperatures in bygone springs.

That's what I love about the Midwest. The unexpected. The unwanted.



As Midwesterners, we spend a lot of our time talking about the weather. We're lucky. In the South, if they don't have anything to talk about with a stranger they just have to stare at each other. How often can a Floridian say, "Another beautiful day. Temps in the 80s again."

None of that talk here! In the Midwest it's different—always different—most of the time something drastically different.

And just to refute further my wife's assertion that this writer is boring, I was reading a copy of the *Old Farmer's Almanac* recently—did you think of something funny, is that why you're smiling? Anyway, to get back to the almanac—it had some interesting comments about weather. Can you imagine?

Those people who believe themselves superior to talking about the weather, and who despise country folk because they are supposed to have no other conversation, miss a whole realm of language and its particular delights.

Do not imagine that when we exchange remarks on the weather we are stupidly, irrelevantly reciting information that we already have. Weather talk is not reporting or description. It's more like poetry or song, and its end is not conveying fact, but the pleasure taken in using our language in a dramatic, even poetic way.

We personify the weather, as a poet would. We give it purpose, feelings, mind. On a day of changing

snow, cloud, and sun we say, "It can't make mind what it wants to do."

To describe the weather we use poetic figures out of the rhetoric texts, as when we call a heavy winter wind as the 'Montreal Express.' All weather talk is essentially metaphorical: its meaning is in its words but in the images and associations it creates for cats and dogs.

The best weather talk often proceeds like this. There are parts: the one who wonders, the one who knows. We ask, 'Is it going to stop snowing?' He may answer, 'I don't know.' We may ask, 'Is it going to be politically correct?' or she answers, 'It's not.'

The same dialogue took place last winter, will take place again next winter. Repetition is of the essence of talk about the weather.

We aren't telling each other something new, telling each other something old. That's why we engage in weather talk.

We could use numbers or any other empty words merely to report on the weather. To enjoy the familiar concepts and similes of real weather talk we need language.

That selection makes one feel like talking about weather is better than a novel. Sometimes it is.

There, now is that boring?

By the way, have you seen what a beautiful

## THE CHART

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GLOBAL VIEWS  
Music  
crosses  
world  
barriersVIVIAN LEON  
PIANIST, INT'L. PIANO COMPETITION

The arts transcend international boundaries. Music as we know it today derives from different cultures of the past. It started in the Middle Ages when the music of the Catholic Church dominated all aspects of life. The Renaissance then followed, and the flowering of music over Europe. It came

with Bach and Handel, Mozart and Beethoven, Chopin and Tchaikovsky, and the coming together of all the music of the world in the 20th century.

We can hear Asian music in Debussy's compositions, American in Stravinsky's music. The 200th anniversary of Mozart's death last year sparked new interest and excitement for his music all over the world. On his birthday, his music was heard on buses and trains all over the world. Performers, regardless of nationality, take great pleasure playing the works of the masters.

The international musical boundaries will be crossed next week here on campus when the Fourth Missouri Southern International Piano Competition attracts 35 outstanding pianists from 15 countries. They will play the music of the grand masters in competition for top prizes. These international pianists come possessing great talent, skills, and ethnic and cultural backgrounds, different languages, and, most importantly, their love of music.

They may not speak the same language, but through music they understand each other. The pianist from Kazakhstan may play the same composition as the pianist from New Zealand, each expressing and interpreting it in his or her own way, reflecting their differences in upbringing, national character, and personality.

Both pianists, however, love the music and make it their own. It becomes a universal language. This event is drawing a great deal of support from the area, and it will greatly contribute towards enhancing cultural life in the region. Through the recognition received by the event, the competition is doing its part toward the international education emphasis at

MSU. It is quite an ambitious dream for the College to undertake a project of this magnitude, taking into consideration the financial and manpower requirements. To our amazement, our community has risen to the occasion and provided the funding that we need.

It is a great privilege for us to host, and offer ourselves and our students an opportunity to observe and enjoy world-class piano performances.

Kansas City doesn't have an international piano competition. Neither does St. Louis, Denver, or Tulsa. This is one of only a handful of cities in the United States to host an event of this caliber and quality.

With the contribution of talent, and mostly much hard work and many volunteers, this event will reward us all beyond expectation.

The world of international music competitions is indeed complex and

as a director of the Missouri Southern Piano Competition, I have had a great deal working with people in many different areas of expertise in the world of music.

It certainly was gratifying, while in New York, to meet people at the Lincoln Center concert who knew there is a Missouri Southern International Piano Competition here in the Midwest.

At some time, they'll also know it is in place in Joplin, at Missouri Southern State College.

Everyone on campus is invited to a part of this exciting event at the Performing Arts Center next

## LURIE'S BUSINESS WORLD



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## ► ENVIRONMENT ISSUE

## International community sets date for an 'Earth Summit'

LOS ANGELES TIMES SYNDICATE

At midnight Friday, representatives of virtually all the nations completed five weeks of negotiations in New York to set the stage for the June 2-14 "Earth Summit" in Rio de Janeiro. Out of the talks emerged consensus for a series of unprecedented actions aimed at ensuring the future integrity and sustainability of both the world environment and the global economy.

The United States has played an active role in preparations for the conference. With the successful conclusion of the New York round of negotiations, the road is now open for President George Bush to take the high ground at Rio as the "Environmental President" and primary world leader.

At the heart of the measures decided on in New York is Agenda 21.

It comprises a series of 115 specific, inter-related programs covering a broad range of issues from the disposal of toxic and hazardous wastes to the sustainable management of forests, biological resources, oceans and freshwater resources.

Underlying Agenda 21 is the basic premise that the serious imbalances which today threaten the sustainability of both the global economy and its environment have arisen primarily from two causes: the pervasive and proliferating population growth of developing countries which are now home to four out of five people on the planet; and the wasteful and environmentally destructive patterns of production and consumption of the industrialized countries.

On a per capita basis, the United States uses about 18 times more energy than India and twice as much as Japan. To redress these imbalances will require concerted action on both fronts. But the lead must come from industrialized countries, which, in the course of achieving their present levels of affluence, have also produced most of the global risks faced now.

Developing countries share these risks and, indeed, are even more vulnerable to them. But most of their people are engaged in day-by-day struggle for survival that drives them to destroy the natural resources and ruin the environment on which their own future depends. In Africa,

for example, poor people replant only one tree for every 10 they cut down to meet their domestic energy needs. At the same time, crushing debt burdens (the total debt of the developing countries is more than \$1 trillion), trade barriers and the impacts of global recession deprive them of the funds required for the development they so desperately need in order to cooperate in protective environmental measures.

Full implementation of Agenda 21 by developing countries would cost an estimated \$625 billion per year, of which some \$500 million would come from developing countries themselves. Some \$125 billion per year would need to come from the industrialized world—\$70 billion more than current levels of U.N.-calculated Official Development Assistance from rich to poor nations. While this amount is substantial, it represents less than 1 percent of the collective gross national product of the countries that make up the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development. And it is modest in relation to global military expenses of approximately \$1 trillion annually.

Once we accept the need to give

economies has announced that, if Russia reaches agreement with the Fund, it will have \$18 billion in balance-of-payments support this year, plus a \$6 billion currency stabilization fund.

The details are still vague. Much of the money has already been promised before, in export-credit guarantees, food credits, and the like. The only big new element in the \$18 billion of balance-of-payments support would be the IMF money and \$1.5 billion from the World Bank. Who exactly will pay for the \$6 billion to help stabilize the trouble is not yet known. Germany, the main aid-provider so far, is not pledging any new money, except for what it might contribute to currency-stabilization. Japan wants the Kurile Islands dispute settled before it offers Russia more aid. Still, the message of western support was loud and clear.

Equally important to Russia's president, Boris Yeltsin, all but two of Russia's 80-odd territorial subdivisions have signed a "federal treaty" dividing powers between them and the center. This increases the chances that the other great worry about Russia—that is may break up—can be contained.

Russia is still in a mess. But the Western balance-of-payments support is essential if reform is to continue. So is settlement of Russia's internal difficulties. The rescue of

Russia is now at least possible.

Much of the credit goes to 38-year-old Gaidar. His price liberalization of Jan. 2, has been tolerated by the population. Opinion polls suggest that, for all the economic hardship, only 15 percent of Russians want the government to resign; 70 percent want it to stay on; 60-70 percent believe the reforms should continue. When Gaidar took over, the worst threat facing Russia was hyperinflation and ensuing monetary collapse. The threat remains, but by freeing the ruble to become real money.

He has also made a stab at stabilizing Russia's disastrous public finances. Even though most of his original targets have been missed, he has managed to reduce the budget deficit from 25 percent of GDP last year, to under 7 percent in the first quarter of this year.

All this has made possible the promises of aid by the West. However, acclaim abroad has gone hand in hand with criticism at home. Virtually all Russian businessmen and economists outside the government are convinced that Gaidar's reforms are leading Russia to disaster. Their criticism is likely to come to a head when Russia's parliament meets on April 6.

Without the Gaidar reforms, all promises of western aid to Russia will be wasted.

## ► LOAN GUARANTEES

## Israel, U.S. at odds

THE ECONOMIST

Thou shalt not cross the Israel lobby," has long been an unwritten commandment of American politics. By violating the rule, just weeks before the New York primary, President George Bush has underlined the worsening relations between America and Israel and has thrown American Jews into confusion.

The debacle over Israel's request for \$10 billion in American loan guarantees was predictable. The American Israel Political Action Committee (AIPAC), famous for its lobbying power, told the Israeli government in September that if it kept building settlements on the West Bank, and Bush vetoed the guarantees as a result, there was only a 50-50 chance of Congress overriding the veto. But earlier this month AIPAC thought that a compromise, freeing some of the money and fudging the settlement issue, was possible. Bush's decision to reject the compromise has left the lobby, and American Jewry in general, facing something it has always sought to avoid: open confrontation between the government of Israel and the American Jews.

It is possible that, if AIPAC called in all its favors, it could get Congress to override a presidential

veto of the compromise. But the lobbyists know that ramming the loan guarantees down Bush's throat might be a Pyrrhic victory, antagonising the administration and seeming to confirm Pat Buchanan's claim that the Israel lobby manipulates American foreign policy.

AIPAC has now been dented. It could be further weakened by growing evidence of division among American Jews. Polls have consistently shown, by majorities of two to one, American Jews believe Israel should trade land for peace. They are also uncomfortable with the intransigence of the present Israeli government. But few like to see America pushing Israel around, or the thought that they may be asked to choose between the two governments. Even some Jews who agreed with the White House on the loan guarantees are uneasy. Rabbi Arthur Herzberg, long a critic of the government in Jerusalem, still thinks "Bush and Baker give the Jewish community the feeling they are the kind of people who are most comfortable at country clubs which don't admit Jews."

Ronald Reagan (ex-Hollywood) and George Shultz (ex-academia) were both sympathetic to Israel, and had longstanding friendships with prominent American Jews.

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top priority to global environmental security, the funds required can be made available by redeployment of existing resources, including funds released by reduced post-Cold War military expenditures and revamping of subsidies and tax breaks that promote the use of fossil fuels like coal, or agricultural subsidies encouraging the use of fertilizers and pesticides.

However, making the transition to more environmentally sound and sustainable development should not be seen merely as an economic burden. Indeed, it presents major new opportunities for economic revitalization and job creation as well as utilization of the research, development and industrial capabilities made available through down-sizing of military establishments. Vast savings in energy and materials use can be found even as new markets for technology are opened up.

Japan's experience has demonstrated that environmental improvement is fully compatible with high rates of economic performance. The fact that Japan uses only half the energy per unit of production as the United States does gives it a significant competitive edge in the U.S.

three bumpy years.

Stoltenberg, a former finance minister, deserved a better departure. A northerner from Schleswig-Holstein, he showed a dogged competence and integrity, above all in welding together the armed forces of the two Germanies after unity. He resigned when it emerged that German tanks had been sent to Turkey in violation of his orders and despite a veto by parliament. The incident underlies what has been long clear; that

without a thorough shake-up, the monster ministry is virtually unrunnable.

The resignation is a triple blow to Kohl. He loses easily the weightiest Christian Democrat in his cabinet. His party's chances declined in the Land election in Schleswig-Holstein on April 5, because the Christian Democratic candidate there, Ottfried Hennig, was a state secretary at the defense ministry and resigned with his boss.

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market. Indeed, Japanese industry foresees that the next generation of industrial opportunity will be driven by ecological demand. While the United States lags, Japan is gearing up for this new market.

In terms of competitiveness, it is surely important that the United States be on the leading edge of this new wave rather than caught up in its backwash. The United States was the early leader in the environmental field, with California in the vanguard. It is still possible for the United States to reassess its leadership. Once again, what is happening in California—as stringent measures are being employed to reduce auto emissions—is a promising sign of America's leadership potential.

There is no better place to re-establish this U.S. leadership than the Earth Summit is indispensable to the new world order to which the United States aspires.

More than the fate of the world order is at stake. The world itself hangs in the balance of our actions. For this reason, ensuring a successful Earth Summit is the responsibility of all the world's leaders.

THE ECONOMIST

## Defense ministry seat re-opens for third time under Kohl's reign

THE ECONOMIST

Germany's defense ministry has often proved an ejector seat for its bosses. Since Helmut Kohl became chancellor a decade ago, it has claimed three victims. Manfred Wörner left after a scandal, but went on to be NATO chief. Rupert Scholz made his exit after only 11 months. Now Gerhard Stoltenberg has bailed out after

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Are you prepared to hear your

friend, brother, or sister is dying of AIDS? Regardless of whether you or I approve of someone's lifestyle, let's remember one thing: they're dying from a virus, not from the way they live.

John L. Brown  
Junior chemistry major

## AROUND CAMPUS

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1992

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

MARCH											
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## 16 TODAY

The Spring Fling '92 cookout begins at 10:40 a.m. by the Biology Pond. The food, including hamburgers, baked beans, potatoe salad, fresh fruit, chocolate chip cookies, and Pepsi, will be free to students and \$3 to others.

The Modern Communications Club holds a business meeting at 1 p.m. in BSC Room 314.

The Wesley Foundation gathers at 2 p.m. in Room 313 of the BSC.

The tennis team hosts Johnson County Community College in a 3 p.m. exhibition.

ECM sponsors a speech about the Holocaust at 3 p.m. in the second-floor BSC lounge.

Dr. Earle Doman addresses the Non-Traditional Students Association at 5:30 p.m. in Room 311 of the BSC. Free child-care will be provided.

A video featuring H. Ross Perot airs at 7 p.m. in the Connor Ballroom.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets at 7 p.m. in the BSC second-floor lounge.

A CAB dance for Spring Fling '92 runs from 9 p.m. to midnight in the Lions' Den.

## 17 TOMORROW

The Board of Regents meets at 1 p.m. in BSC Room 314.

The baseball Lions face Southwest Baptist University at 2 p.m. in Bolivar.

The softball Lady Lions play in the Missouri Western Invitational in St. Joseph today and tomorrow.

The tennis team meets Missouri Western at 3 p.m. in St. Joseph.

The track and field teams run in the Central Missouri Mule Relays at 2 p.m.

## 18 SATURDAY

The baseball Lions meet Southwest Baptist in a 1 p.m. doubleheader in Bolivar.

The tennis team meets Northwest Missouri State University at 9 a.m. and Central Missouri State at 1 p.m. in Maryville.

## 20 MONDAY

The Faculty Senate meets at 3 p.m. in Room 313 of the BSC.

The Greek Council meets at 4 p.m. in Room 311 of the BSC.

Sigma Nu meets at 5 p.m. in Room 313 of the BSC.

The Fisher King shows today and tomorrow at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. in the second-floor lounge of the BSC.

## 21 TUESDAY

The Baptist Student Union gathers at 11 a.m. in Room 313 or 314 of the BSC.

LDSSA meets at noon in Room 313 or 314 of the BSC.

The Newman Club gathers at noon in BSC Room 310.

The tennis team entertains Drury College at 2 p.m.

The softball Lady Lions battle Northeastern State in a 3 p.m. doubleheader at Kungle Field.

Koinonia meets at 7 p.m. at College Heights Christian Church on Newman Road.

22 WEDNESDAY

The CAB meets at 3 p.m. in Room 311 of the BSC.

The Student Senate gathers at 5:30 p.m. in the Keystone Room of the BSC.

The CAB hosts a lecture by Sandy Fries, writer for *Star Trek: the Next Generation*, at 7 p.m. in the Connor Ballroom.

## BIDDING FOR APPLAUSE



Courtesy Photo

Cast members from "The Mystery of Edwin Drood" will entertain Missouri Southern students. The CAB is sponsoring the event, which is set for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6 at Taylor Auditorium.

## ► CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

## Writer to speak for CAB

Nearing the end of the semester, the Campus Activities Board will offer several more activities.

At 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday the movie *The Fisher King*, starring Robin Williams, will play in Billingsly Student Center.

Sandy Fries, movie writer, will speak at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Connor Ballroom.

"He writes for all types of movies," said Lory St. Clair, CAB lecture

chairperson. "He writes for *Star Trek*, *Quantum Leap*, *Smurfs*, *Different Strokes*, *Tom and Jerry*, and *Fame*.

"But the one I want him to focus on is *Star Trek: The Next Generation*."

Fries will discuss writing for television and tell about some of the stars he has worked with.

"I think it will be a very interesting lecture," St. Clair said. "This lecture can apply to almost anybody."

*The Rocky Horror Picture Show* will take place at 8 p.m. May 4-5 at the Biology Pond. Along with this will be a costume contest.

On Wednesday, May 6 *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, a who-done-it affair, will be performed at 7:30 p.m. in Taylor Auditorium.

"It's based on a novel that Charles Dickens didn't finish," said Pamela Chong, CAB cultural arts chairperson. "The audience decides who done it."

## ► YOUNG DEMOCRATS

## Club gets attention via politics

Using political skills to help Missouri Southern is one of the main goals of the Young Democrats.

The group will attend the state convention May 2 in Columbia. Deanna Hines, club president, said the group uses these gatherings to get its message to state politicians.

"We will be representatives at the

State Democratic Party of Missouri," she said. "We need to do this in order for Missouri Southern to get its fair share of appropriations."

Hines said having the Young Democrats talk with state politicians, such as Sen. Roger Wilson (D-Columbia), helps represent the College mainly because most of the area politicians are Republican.

"The main people in the Senate are Democrats," Hines said. "So Joplin gets overlooked."

The club attended a state Young Democrats banquet April 3-4 in Springfield, where ex-president candidate Tom Harkin was the keynote speaker. There Southern's group received the Young Democratic Award.

## ► COLLEGE ORIENTATION

## New leaders prepare for fall's incoming freshman class

By LESLIE KARR

STAFF WRITER

Thirty-five new and 15 returning students have been chosen College Orientation leaders for the 1992-93 school year.

New leaders are Theresa Bledsoe, George Brockman, Jami Bruton, Bryan Carr, Troy Comeau, Eric Cummings, Hollee Ellsworth, Roberta Evans, Rebecca Fanoel, Luis Figueroa, Debra Forbes, Eric Fuhr, Ann Gardner, Jan Gardner, Theresa Guetzko, Kandy Hanafin, Todd Hubbard, Kaylea Hutson, Kimber-

ly Jensen, Kirstie Johnson, Chris Kensinger, Angie Mayberry, Leticia Remillard, Elizabeth Sanders, Gina Schweitzer, Lynetta St. Clair, Patricia Stirling, Kelly Trammell, Chris Tuggle, Denise Umfleet, Van Vandaveer, Donny Warden, Lorie Watts, Kristell Williams, and Mark Workman.

Returning leaders are Keith Allen, Jennifer Carroll, Cami Davey, Mike Doman, Sondra Frazier, Nancy Hasbrook, Naomi Hunter, Doretta Loveland, Larry Seneker, Leslie Smith, Lory St. Clair, Angie Stevenson, Joe Swingle, Susan Williams, and John

Wimberley.

"We've got a great group," said Lori LeBahn, director of orientation. "They all seem really motivated and enthusiastic about the upcoming year."

"The selection process was more intense this year. Therefore, we feel the quality of this year's leaders is exceptional."

The orientation leaders will be responsible for the instruction of 15-20 freshmen during the eight-week College Orientation class.

First-year orientation leaders receive two credit hours in Psychology

498, Leadership Training. Second-year leaders receive one credit hour. After the second year, credits are no longer given, but it will appear on the leaders' transcripts.

"Being an orientation leader improves their interpersonal and leadership skills besides allowing them to receive a credit," LeBahn said.

The leaders undergo 30 hours of training before the fall semester.

"I enjoyed it last year," said Cami Davey, junior mathematics major and returning orientation leader. "I got to know a lot of people and felt like I was doing something for

them."

LeBahn said the orientation program helps the students who participate in the class.

The freshmen retention rate from fall to spring was 89 percent, LeBahn said. "The College Orientation class has succeeded in making new students feel comfortable at Missouri Southern and has assisted in their academic success."

The College Orientation class not only for those freshmen who enter college straight from high school. A Return to Learn class is held for non-traditional students.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR



## MO. SOUTHERN

2nd Spiva Annual Exhibit: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.; through Saturday; Spiva Art Center "Godspell;" Southern Theatre; 7:30 p.m. today, tomorrow, and Saturday; Taylor Auditorium; 417-623-5840

Heather Wallain's senior recital: 7:30 p.m. today; Phinney Recital Hall

Suzuki Student Recital: featuring Kelly Simpson; 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 26; Phinney Recital Hall

International Piano Competition: April 22-25; Taylor Auditorium; admission varies each event; 417-625-9320

Community Band Concert: 8 p.m. May 14; Taylor Auditorium

## OPPLIN

Ricky Van Shelton: 7:30 p.m. May 7; Memorial Hall; 417-3254

Karaoke: every Tuesday and Thursday; Champs; 516 Main; 417-782-4944

Red Blue: tomorrow and today; Champs

Blue Wink: April 24-25; Champs

Walking on Einstein: tomorrow; Bypass; 1212 Main; 417-6544

Live Comedy Show: Saturday; Bypass

Wellin Boot: alternative

Wednesday; Bypass

Stephen Hero: alternative

from Tulsa; Friday, April Bypass

Missouri Southern Suzuki Violin Academy: Easter Performance; 1 p.m. Saturday; J.C. Penney Court Northpark Mall

Violin Pastel: artCentral Workshop taught by Ben Davis; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through April 24; 308 E. Carroll; Carthage; 417-358-4404

## SPRINGFIELD

Lydia: A Voice in Time; Springfield April 24-25; Landers Theatre; 311 E. Walnut; 417-3344

Cross Celebrity: April 25; Hammons Student Center; Southwest Missouri State University; 901 National; 417-836-5000

Gallery Talk: Ken Bunn and Chi; a special gallery April 24; Gilcrease Museum; 918-582-3122

Posters of Paris 1880-1900: original hand-colored photographs from the Terry Louis L. Silver Collection, depicting French scenes; Brook Museum of Art; through May 10; 918-749-7941

Pippin: tomorrow through Sunday; Tony Award-winning musical is story of Pippin, son of Charlemagne; Park Theatre; 918-437-9464

Sweet Sue: Sue, a graced, middle-aged artist, herself attracted to her college roommate who came to visit; Tuesday through April 25; Heller Theatre; 918-743-1218

## KANSAS CITY

Dear Madness: through April 30; American Heartland Stage Two, Westin Center Hotel; 417-9999

Jefferson's Comedy House: Ellen DeGeneres: today; Westport; 543 Sport Road; 816-753-JOKE Jerry Seinfeld: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday; Theatre; 816-931-3330

Ken Wright in Concert: 8 p.m.; Midland Theatre; 816-931-3330

## ARTS TEMPO

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## ► INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION

## Pianists from array of cultures to compete

Performances to begin next week in Taylor Auditorium

Young pianists from around the globe will gather at Missouri Southern next week for the fourth International Piano Competition.

The event will be held Tuesday, April 21, through Saturday, April 25 in Taylor Auditorium on campus.

Thirty-five semifinalists were selected from audition tapes. The finalists are from the United States, Canada, New Zealand, Lithuania, Taiwan, Korea, China, Czechoslovakia, Russia, Republic of Georgia, Poland, Belgium, Japan, and the Republic of Kazakhstan.

The pianists will compete for thousands of dollars in prizes. The senior division (ages 19-30) winner will get a New York debut in Weill

Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall and \$5,000.

First prize in the junior division (ages 18 and under) is \$1,000.

Judges for the competition are Ton-Il Han, professor of music at Boston University; Solomon Mikowsky, of the Manhattan School of Music; Sylvia Zaremba, professor emeritus at Ohio State University; Erna Gulabyan, of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music; and Ana Maria Trenchi de Bottazzi, a judge for the 1990 competition and an Argentine-born pianist who became the first person from South America to earn a doctorate from the Juilliard School.

Mia Chung, winner of the senior division in the 1990 competition, will perform an opening concert for this year's event at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Taylor Auditorium.

Junior semifinals will be held from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22.

Five local winners of an honors audition will participate in a master class conducted by the competition judges. Winners of the honors audition were Shane Spangler, Hollister; Erica Neal, Joplin; Cherish Gibson, Springfield, Ark.; Laurie Carrow, Joplin; and Shannon Afuval, Southwest City. The five were selected from 22 piano students within a 100-mile radius of Southern.

"We did that (honors audition) for the first time so that (the turnout) was a big surprise," said Vivian Leon, director of the competition. "We had observers and teachers come just to see if they wanted to involve their students."

Junior semifinals will resume from 8 a.m. to noon on Thursday,

April 23. At 12:15 p.m. the junior finalists will be announced. Senior semifinals will be from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. the same day.

Senior semifinals will resume from 8 a.m. to noon on Friday, April 24. Announcement of senior finalists will be at 5:15 p.m. Junior finals will be from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., with winners of the junior finals announced at 10:15 p.m.

Senior finals will be from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 25. Announcement of the senior winners will be at 5:15 p.m.

Honors audition winners will receive medals and meet competitors during an informal gathering Wednesday, April 22. The five also will be acknowledged at the Gala Winner's Concert that concludes the competition at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 25 in Taylor Auditorium.

"The competition has grown dramatically in size and stature, and we look forward to five days of beautiful piano music and international understanding in the spirit of friendly competition," Leon said.

During competition rounds audience members will be asked to enter or leave only between each contestant's performance. No photography or sound recording will be permitted.

Admission for the daytime master class and daytime semifinals is free. Admission for each evening event is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. Tickets for the Gala Winner's Concert are \$12.50 for adults and \$7.50 for students and senior citizens. Tickets are available at Erle Williamson Music House, 611 Main, Joplin. Persons may also reserve tickets by going to Room 212 of the Billingsly Student Center at Southern or calling 417-625-9366.

## ► MUSIC DEPARTMENT

## Senior set for recital

By JASON HAASE

STAFF WRITER

In preparation for sharing musical talent with the real world, music majors are required to present a recital before graduating from Missouri Southern.

Heather Wallain, senior instrumental music major, will perform her senior recital at 7:30 tonight in Phinney Recital Hall.

"This is going to be a whole new experience for me," Wallain said.

The clarinet recital is expected to last about 45 minutes, and is open to students. There also will be a reception following the recital in the same room.

Janis Neher, Jennifer Mottl, and Anita Cleveland will accompany Wallain on the clarinet.

"The quartet is strictly just four clarinets; it won't have any piano accompaniment at all," Wallain said.

She and Dr. Charles Thelen, associate professor of music, have worked together on the selections.

"He has the knowledge of the music more so than I do," Wallain said. "He gives me music to choose from, and then we decided together what I would be performing."

She is fulfilling her graduation requirement.

Through the semesters from the time you're a freshman [music major], you are required to perform once a semester in a student recital," Wallain said.

Now, she is finishing her senior year with a recital featuring herself.

Wallain is involved in the marching and concert bands at Southern. She also is in the Concert Chorale and Southern Exposure.

"Eventually, I'm going to go back to school and get certification to teach music," she said.

## ► DEBATE

## Kerney confronts toughest challengers

Nationals opens mind to events, productive competition techniques

By HONEY SCOTT

STAFF WRITER

Before leaving last weekend, John Kerney, junior accounting major, said he felt the tougher level of competition would make him rise to a higher lever, and that's just what he did.

Last weekend Kerney and Brooks Haynie, debate coach, went to the University of Missouri-St. Louis for the national individual events tournament. Kerney qualified in three events to make it to the tournament. He competed in poetry, prose, and programmed oral interpretation.

"I feel the performances I gave were the best I've ever done," Kerney said. "I was very pleased with my performances. I felt I reached the highest level I could have with my pieces."

Kerney said the competition he was up against was the toughest he had seen all year. Although he did not advance in any category, those who beat him in the first round went on to win the tournament.

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Kerney said programmed oral interpretation was his least productive event.

"In three rounds I competed against 20 of the best performances I've ever seen," he said. "I felt it was

one reason he saw so many fa-

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## ► SOUTHERN CHOIR

## Clark seeks majors, non-majors to sing

By CHRISTY MYERS

STAFF WRITER

As an ever-expanding program, the Missouri Southern choir is attempting to attract both music and non-music majors.

"Choir helps vocal majors to hear choral literature and all aspects of choral music," said Bud Clark, instructor of music. "Choir also helps the non-majors keep singing and involved in music."

"Sometimes the choir is the only outlet the non-majors have anymore to choral literature," he said. "Choir is a way to express yourself using music. Singing is a way to show emotions without worrying what other people think about you."

The Southern choir is made up of a combination of 64 music and non-music majors. The choir performs one or two concerts per semester.

"I would like to see the choir do more performances in general," said Tim Baker, junior communications major. "I also wish that more people would come to our concerts and support us."

"Each year the choir does a spring tour depending on the amount of funding they receive," Clark said.

This year the choir will perform for Cotter College and Northeastern Oklahoma A&M. It also performed for area high schools last week.

"There is also a barbershop quartet that is part of the choir," Clark said.

The barbershop quartet meets once a week to practice. "This type of barbershop music gives choir students an outlet as far as choral music is concerned," Clark said.

Southern Bells is a new group that has started at Southern. As an all-female choir, it performs a different version of barbershop music.

The choir has grown at Southern and hopes to continue growing.

"I would basically like to recruit more students," Clark said. "I would like to continue upgrading the quality of our choir."

On May 5 the choir will present its final performance of the semester. The performance will be held at Taylor Auditorium and is open to the public and free of charge.

## ► MISSOURI SOUTHERN SUZUKI VIOLIN ACADEMY

## Play-in to be featured at spring performance

By CHRISTY MYERS

STAFF WRITER

The Suzuki Violin Academy is for students who have an interest in learning to play the violin.

"The academy is for any student who is able to learn music and play the violin," said Keli Liu, director of the Suzuki Violin Academy.

Ages of students in the violin academy range from 5 years old to students who are seniors in high school.

The Suzuki Violin Academy will give an Easter performance at 1 p.m. Saturday. The 40-student performance will take place at the JC Penney court at Northpark Mall.

Selections to be performed include the Bach Double Concerto, the Elvaldi Concerto in A minor, and the Veracini Concerto in E minor.

"There will be a 'play-in' at the Easter performance," Liu said. "A 'play-in' is several pieces of music, ranging from easy to difficult pieces. Students from all areas are going to join in to play these [pieces]."

There also will be a spring performance at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 9 in Phinney Recital Hall.

"This performance is mainly a solo performance by students, but there will also be some group performances," Liu said.

Two students will graduate from the academy this May.

## ► JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL

# Restraining order disrupts meeting

Stults challenges results of miscount

By SHARON WEBER

EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR

And CHAD HAYWORTH

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

A temporary restraining order halted the Joplin City Council proceedings at a special session Monday night.

City Attorney Mike Talley announced the order and suggested the Council stand adjourned until its next meeting on Monday, April 20.

"The temporary restraining order covers the general election of April 7," Talley said. "The order was signed by Judge [Timothy] Perigo in Neosho."

The petition was filed by Daniel Whitworth, attorney for Jack Stults. Whitworth said the correct func-

tioning of the voting booths during the April 7 election is in question.

"We have information that leads us to believe that there is some confusion with the machines in Precinct 21 and 27 in Newton County," Whitworth said.

Reactions were mixed among the Council members concerning the injunction.

"I was taken by surprise," said Jim West, general Council member. "But, I do believe in the system. We will just wait to see what the judge rules."

Mayor Cheryl Dandridge said the injunction will not have any effect on city business.

"I can understand why Mr. Stults would do it," Dandridge said. "The old Council will continue to work until a new one can take office."

The contested race during the April 7 election between Stults and West is at the heart of the injunction controversy. When results were first reported, Jack Stults won by 54 votes over West. After the miscount was

acknowledged, West was the victor by 48 votes.

A meeting today will decide if the restraining order will cover the entire general election results or just the West-Stults race. The meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. at the Newton County Courthouse.

Possible repercussions to the restraining order would be having another general election.

"It would be a real tragedy," West said in reference to having the election over again. "It would be exhausting for me, my family, and my supporters and followers. This is not over yet."

Until the judgment is made, the old City Council will have to stay in place according to Section 201 of The Joplin City By-Laws.

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—Mike Talley, Joplin City Attorney

Talley believes the amount of disruption to the Council will be less than if the petition had been filed at a later date.

"I believe it was the intent of the plaintiff not to cause undue disruption to the Council," Talley said.

"But there is a need to narrow the scope of the restraining order."

The questions raised by the restraining order have created more problems for a city council with an agenda full of topics. West said he believed the Council could soon return to the normal administration of city business.

"I hope we can put the differences aside and go forward with things," West said. "I think those who were elected in the recent election could work well together."

Newly elected Councilman Paul Bargar was on hand for the meeting.

"I was informed earlier in the day that this was going to happen," he said. "So, I am not surprised, just disappointed."

"We just wanted to let people know that we—the school and the students—care about what happens

## ► LURING CUSTOMERS



JEFFREY SLATTON/The Chart

The big bass outside Southtown Sporting Goods, 3022 Main Street, attracts attention as well as big business to the store.

## ► JOPLIN HIGH SCHOOL

# Students protest tax failures at polls

Esch: 'We really had something to say'

By BRIAN SANDERS

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Joplin voters who chose not to pass tax levies for the R-8 School District aroused the ire of Joplin High School students Tuesday.

Several JHS students staged a brief walkout in protest of the failure of two tax issues in the April 7 election.

"We just wanted to let people know that we—the school and the students—care about what happens

in the future," said Erin Turner, a JHS student who participated in the walkout. "And we think the community of Joplin doesn't."

"It's not the current school board's fault that the district is in hard times; it's the past school boards."

In the election, Joplin residents voted against a 27-cent increase in the R-8 operating levy which would have generated \$908,000 in new revenues. A 12-cent increase in the debt-service fund for taking care of a \$5 million bond issue for maintenance and repair was also rejected.

Emily Esch, a JHS student who organized the brief protest, said it

had gotten to the point where the students did not have a voice.

"The reason I did this now was because they (election results) had an effect on students, and we said nothing," she said. "But it was aimed at making the public aware that we really had something to say."

"This wasn't just one protest, it's the beginning of a movement. We'd eventually like to get a committee formed so we can have more of a say in what happens with our school."

Esch's mother, Carol, was denied re-election to the R-8 school board in the April 7 ballot.

Dr. Darrel Warren, JHS assistant

principal, said an announcement was circulated informing students of other possible forms of action.

"All they wanted to do was vent their frustration that the two bills didn't pass," he said. "But we (administrators) wanted to give the alternatives to disrupting class."

According to Warren, the April election was not the first time bond levies had not passed. "There was a similar levy that failed last August," he said.

Esch believed the protest was successful. "I'm just waiting to see how the media perceived it," she said.

## ► ELECTION '92

# Perot campaign rally set for today

By SHARON WEBER

EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR

Grass Roots for Perot" will sponsor a rally for H. Ross Perot at 7 p.m. today at Missouri Southern.

The rally will take place in the Connor Ballroom of the Billingsly Student Center. The featured speaker will be Ralph Piercy, long-time associate of Perot.

"Piercy met and began working with Perot 20 years ago in Southeast Asia," said Candy Turner, co-chairperson of the "Grass Roots for Perot" organization.

The area grass-roots movement began after Turner and her husband saw the nationwide movement. "When there was more talk that Perot would

really run, I called Dallas," she said. "We were put in contact with the organization in St. Louis."

The goal of the organization is to secure 50,000 signatures statewide, and 2,500 signatures from this area, by May 25. The petitions for these signatures of support will be available at the meeting, Turner said.

She has named Vernon Glenn the Joplin chairperson. He became involved out of disappointment over the political situation in America.

"For some time I have been disappointed and disillusioned at the way our government has been running," Glenn said. "The national debt is killing us."

Glenn and Turner see Perot's managerial experience as a major asset in Perot's campaign.

"He is not a professional politician. He is a manager," Turner said. "Perot also has the experience and the moral character to lead America."

Perot also has strong approaches to health care, according to Turner. She said he would implement different pilot programs to find the most workable program.

"Get three or four states to volunteer for a pilot program," Turner said. "Then, see how that works."

Perot supporters have other events planned. On Earth Day, April 22, supporters will be at area recycling centers with petitions.

Turner and Glenn encourage registered voters to sign the petitions. Anyone interested in volunteering may contact Turner in Sarcoxie or Glenn in Joplin.

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## ► SOUTHTOWN SPORTING GOODS

# Fishing business pays off for Aggus

By JEFFREY SLATTON

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

One of the most recognizable landmarks on Joplin's Main Street is the large bass outside Southtown Sporting Goods at 3022 Main.

Southtown was opened in 1957 by Pete Aggus and Frank Baldwin. At the time both invested \$250. Baldwin owned a Consumer's grocery store and was in essence a sign-up partner, according to Aggus' son, Steve.

"My father owned a cleaning shop that was located at 2724 Main, where the Accents [gift shop] is located now," he said. "Across the street was a building with two garage doors in front of it.

"He thought he could open a bait store right there and run across the street every time a customer would come in."

Steve Aggus said at that time fishing was ready to become really big.

"He kept finding himself chasing across the street because business was such a success," Aggus said.

After a year or so, Pete Aggus bought Baldwin out and became the sole owner.

"In the 50s and 60s there was a boom and tremendously rapid growth," Steve Aggus said. "They were so terribly undercapitalized, but the cash flow was becoming

rapid."

After a few years, they moved store to its current location and added on to the structure twice.

"Now, we have 8,500 square feet which has allowed us to move into other areas besides fishing," Aggus said. "Selling clothing and other items has allowed us to open year round."

Aggus said half to two-thirds of the store merchandise is tied up in men's and women's clothing.

"We no longer sell guns, but we still carry just about everything else related to hunting and fishing," he said.

Aggus said he attributes the success of Southtown to timing and location.

"Originally we started out buying everything wholesale, but now we belong to a buying group," he said. "This allows us to have tremendous buying power and cuts out the middle man."

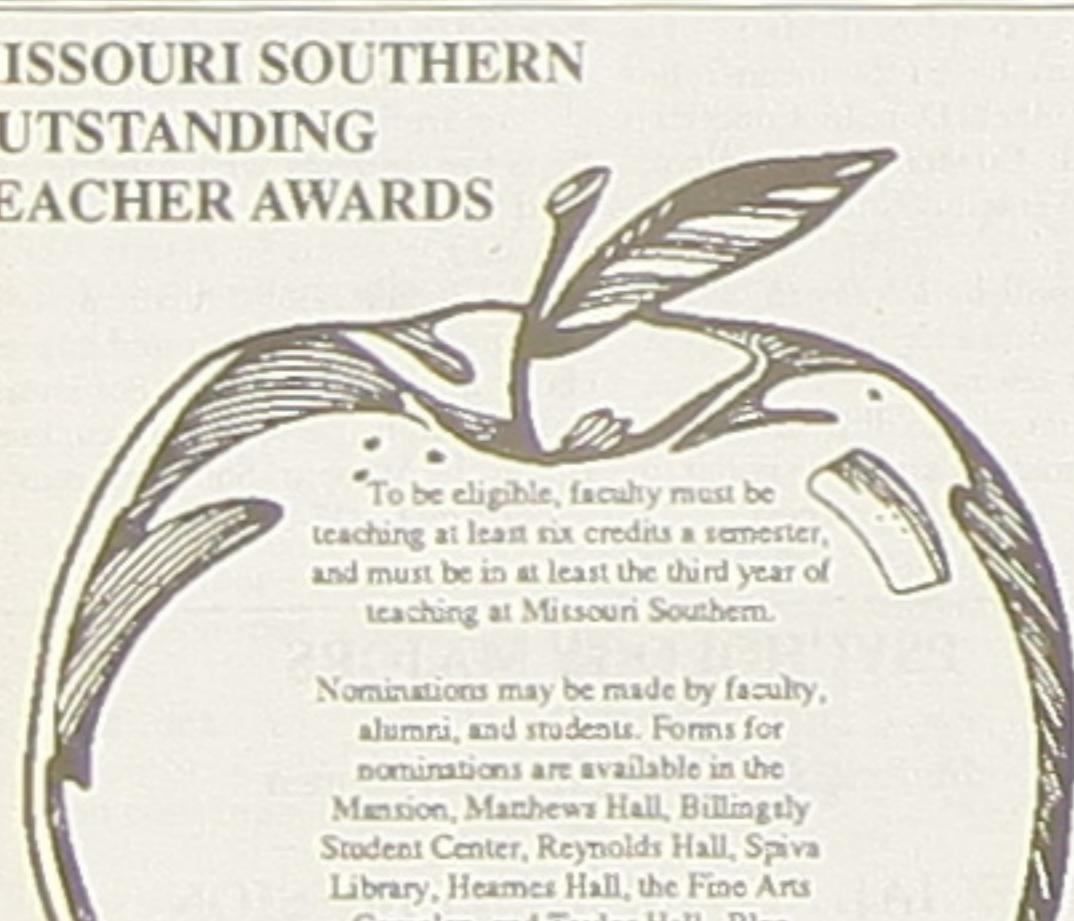
The story of the fish outside Southtown goes back 25 years ago.

"Originally, the store was called Southtown Bait and the fish was in the original building," Aggus said.

"When we moved up here, we changed the name to Southtown Sports Goods and were going to get rid of the fish."

"But our customers told us we had to keep the fish; now it's part of our tradition."

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► HOUSE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## College presidents could see salaries frozen

Bill also creates veterans' scholarships

By JOHN HACKER  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

College and university presidents could have their salaries frozen, and a faculty member could be included on boards of governance, if legislation recommended by the House Higher Education Committee is made law.

These and other provisions are included in the committee substitute for House Bills 1209, 1282, and 1575 to be voted on by the House later this week.

Rep. Ken Jacob (D-Columbia), Higher Education Committee chairman, said he gives the bill a "50-50 chance" for passage in the House and Senate.

"I think it has a good chance in the House, but I don't know about the Senate," Jacob said.

Other legislators are not as optimistic.

"I don't think it will ever see the light of day," said Rep. Chuck Sur-

face (R-Joplin). "I'd be surprised if this bill passes in both chambers unless it is drastically altered."

The major provisions in the bill include creation of scholarships for honorably discharged members of the U.S. Armed Forces and inclusion of a non-voting faculty member on the boards of governance of all state colleges and universities.

The measure would create a Candidate Advisory Board to establish qualifications for members of boards of governance and select qualified candidates for the governor to choose from.

It requires institutions to hold at least one public hearing before submitting appropriations requests to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education, and freezes salaries of college and university heads until the average faculty salary reaches 60 percent of that amount.

Other legislators have mixed emotions concerning the bill.

Rep. Everett Brown (D-Maryville)

said it will fail because it "involves too much money."

"It's a good bill except for the costs of the veterans' scholarships," Brown said. "If the economy picks up, then we might be able to afford it."

Rep. Kathleen Steele (D-Kirkville) said the costs of the scholarships would not be a problem.

"They (scholarships) are subject to appropriation," Steele said. "If we don't have the money, then we don't appropriate anything for them."

Surface called the idea a "sham."

"Nothing prevents the colleges from giving veterans scholarships now, but where will we get the money?" he asked.

Steele said the salary freeze for heads of colleges and universities would pose a more serious problem.

"I really don't think that part of the bill will stay in," she said. "It was put in to make a point. Some people believe that administrators are out of touch with their institutions."

Jacob agreed.

"[The freeze] will force administrators to do things for faculty and not work on padding administrators'

pockets," he said.

Dr. Charles McClain, commissioner for higher education, said there should be some relationship between faculty and administrative salaries, but he did not favor the provision.

"I believe it's dangerous for the legislature to micromanage the institutions," he said. "I'm in favor of the idea but not in favor of it being law."

McClain said he also favors putting a non-voting faculty member on the boards of governance of colleges and universities.

"I think it's a reasonable proposition," he said. "It's just too bad it has to be legislated."

McClain said many people were opposed to having a student on the boards when that was proposed 10 years ago.

"That idea [of having students on boards] has worked out well," he said. "The faculty and students are the primary mission of the institutions and they should be represented."

Steele said the creation of a candidate advisory committee for selec-

ting members of boards of governance also was a reasonable proposition.

"With this committee, the boards will be better qualified to do their jobs," Steele said. "The governor is a big fan of non-partisan choosing of judges [on courts], so to be consistent he'd have to be in favor of this very similar proposal."

McClain said the idea had some merit.

"It sure wouldn't be the end of the world," he said. "It would be an erosion of the governor's powers, and I don't know how he would react to that."

Another provision of the bill would prevent colleges and universities from instituting buy-outs of contracts similar to the one given by Southwest Missouri State University to President Marshall Gordon in February.

"It limits what [the boards] can give to one year," Jacob said.

Other legislators praised this part of the measure.

"That's one of the really good parts of the bill," Surface said.

## Higher Education Briefs

### SMSU receives 7 top ratings

► An accreditation team from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has given the teacher education programs at Southwest Missouri State University the highest number of perfect scores of any school ever evaluated.

Seven of 52 programs received No. 1 ratings. The most any school previously had gotten were three No. 1 ratings. The 18-member team bestowed the top mark to French, Spanish, and German languages; elementary and secondary principals; deaf and hearing impaired, and speech and language specialists.

Eleven programs were rated as "very strong" and received a 2. Most programs received a satisfactory grade of 3. Two programs were given a 4, indicating an area of weakness.

### Nursing dean in South Africa

► Dr. Toni Sullivan, dean of the University of Missouri-Columbia school of nursing, is the 19th MU faculty member to participate in an academic exchange program with South Africa's University of the Western Cape.

Sullivan's visit is part of the five-year-old exchange program among the four campuses of the University of Missouri system and the University of the Western Cape. She left for Africa on April 7 and will return a month later.

A total of 54 faculty members from Missouri have visited UWC, and Missouri has hosted 83 of the visits.

### SEMO exceeds \$25 million goal

► Southeast Missouri State University's "A New Vision of Excellence" capital campaign has exceeded its goal of \$25 million, the general campaign chairman has announced.

"As of the end of February 1992, the campaign has raised in gifts and pledges a total of \$25,137,000," James Limbaugh said. He credited the campaign's 200 volunteers and SEMO's telefund center for reaching thousands of donors.

This was the first major capital campaign in SEMO history. The effort was launched in September 1990.

Of the money received to date, \$5,352,236 will go toward scholarships. Program enhancements will receive \$4,199,634, with \$3,518,882 going to the university fund.

The solicitation phase of the campaign ends June 30.

### Crowder creates idea think tank

► Borrowing an idea from industry, Crowder College has created its own think tank to develop and market ideas that might be profitable to the institution.

Called "Skunk Works," the group meets after hours and is completely voluntary. It is tied to the Crowder College Foundation and meets over pizza and soft drinks in a back room of the Environmental Technology Center.

Skunk Works now has a dozen members with two subgroups seriously pursuing projects. It operates with three simple rules: members do not violate the confidence of the group, all ideas accepted become the property of the Foundation, and any profits realized through an idea are shared based on the contract negotiated.

President Kent Farnsworth organized the group and serves as its chair.

## ON THE BATTLEFIELD



Rep. Ted House (D-St. Charles) and Rep. Ken Jacob (D-Columbia) debate legislation to provide training for pre-pregnancy caregivers. The bill was torpedoed by House Speaker Bob Griffin for pro-life language.

## ► HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### Boone state hero?

#### Brockfield introduces bill again

By JOHN HACKER

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

One of the shortest pieces of legislation introduced this session would make the first of the westward movement the official state hero of Missouri.

House Bill 1799 states "Section 1. Daniel Boone shall be the official

hero of Missouri."

Rep. Russell Brockfield (R-Warren), the bill's sponsor, said it is the latest bill in his memory.

"Brevity was the goal when I wrote the bill," he said.

The state hero would be recognized along with the state tree, state flower, and other state symbols.

Brockfield said many figures in Missouri history, such as former President Harry Truman, are probably equally deserving. But Boone epitomizes the average Missourian,

he said.

This is not the first time Brockfield has introduced this legislation. He said he has tried for a number of years to make Boone the state hero.

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# Langan returns for more

By SHARON WEBER

EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR

Dedicated students keep Major Ervin Langan coming back to Missouri Southern.

"I really enjoy working with the young people," he said. "Students are much more dedicated."

Langan returned to Southern as head of the ROTC program in September. He first arrived as a student cadet in 1975.

From 1983 to 1986, Langan served as an ROTC instructor.

"Everytime I come back, the students seem to be better than when I was a cadet," he said. "We expect more from the student cadets, and they give more."

Despite cutbacks in the federal budget, Langan still believes the military has much to offer student cadets.

"We believe we still have an opportunity for those who come through," he said. "Traditionally, one-third of our officers get active duty if they want it, and we expect this to continue."

ROTC offers scholarships, tuition, and supplemental income for student cadets to help cover the costs of a college education.

Langan believes the management training received in the military is invaluable.

"We find that a lot of men go in there for the initial entry-level training for management experience," he said. "Nowhere else can we say that you can go out there and have the management experience."

Langan himself has completed his master's degree in management. He plans to further pursue a second

## BACK IN FAMILIAR BOOTS



## ERVIN P. LANGAN

Major Ervin Langan, head of the ROTC program, first came to Missouri Southern as a student cadet in 1975. Langan served as an ROTC instructor at the College from 1983-86 and returned in September.

master's degree; this time in adult education.

Despite the ROTC and the military, Langan finds time for a private life. His hobbies include jogging and wine making. His family remains high on his priority list.

Langan has three children rang-

ing in age from 6 to 13. His wife has continued to pursue her education.

"She is a graduate of Missouri Southern in computer science," he said. "She has just completed her master's from Webster [University in St. Louis]."

Langan served military tours in

Germany between his stints at Southern. He said the people keep bringing him here.

"I spent 10 years overseas," he said. "But it's hard to find a better place than Joplin to live."

"It's good to be back."

# Middle East no strange land to Southern's Robin White

## Instructor made childhood home in Saudi Arabia

By KRISTI McCACKEN

CHART REPORTER

Saudi Arabia is not a foreign country to Robin White, who spent 10 years of her childhood in the Middle East.

White, an adjunct computer instructor at Missouri Southern, and her family went to live in the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia in 1954. Her father worked for Arameo, an oil company in Saudi Arabia, while they lived in a camp for Arameo workers and their families.

"It was very artificial—like an Army camp—but we had a chance to see many interesting things while living there," she said.

White and her younger sister attended school in Saudi Arabia until ninth grade. From ninth grade on, students were sent away to boarding schools or other countries to complete their schooling. White returned to the United States to finish her schooling at an Oklahoma public high school.

"It was kind of tough on a 15-year-old to go so far away, but being introduced to the idea as a child made it seem less awkward," she said.

White believes Saudi Arabia, as a whole, did a good job accommodating its visiting families.

"I had never met so many different kinds of people," she said. "But there was not a lot of mixing between the cultures."

White later returned to Saudi Arabia for three years after marrying at the age of 20.

She came to Southern on a part-time basis in the spring of 1987.

"This is the best job I have ever had," she said. "The faculty is extremely supportive and has a nice variety."

White has been married for 27 years and has three children. It was at her husband's office that she first began working with computers. Her history of experience grew from there.

White's goals once took a sharp turn. She began her schooling as a mechanical engineering major, but decided to change her major to English halfway through her degree. She found an interest in teaching.

"I don't regret the change, though," White said. "I learned a lot from the experience."

White has long been a part of

Southern, both as a student and a faculty member. After receiving a degree in English from the University of Tulsa in 1966, she went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Southern in 1985. She is currently working on her master's degree at Northwest Missouri State University.

Teaching, however, is not new to White. Before she came to Southern, she taught a variety of classes at Nevada High School, including English, science, and mathematics. She believes her favorite part of teaching is working with students.

"I feel I learn more than I teach," she said.

Even though teaching consumes most of White's time, she manages to take an active part in the community. She is involved in her church and is on the board of radio station KRPS in Pittsburg, Kan. White also works with the community concert committee. As a former board member, she plans to resume the position in the near future.

With all of her accomplishments, White's dedication has reaped its rewards. She believes her biggest reward is "the chance to keep on learning. I love going to school."

## A LOVE OF TEACHING



Dr. Nancy Smith, associate professor of education, says her greatest pleasure is teaching. Smith is deeply committed to the early childhood development program and the training of student teachers.

## Grandsons light of Smith's life

By KAREN OKERSON

CHART REPORTER

Twins" exclaimed Dr. Nancy Smith as she gazed at her infant grandsons, framed so delicately before her. "They are the light of my life," she said.

"Children have always been a great joy for me; I love them—all ages," said Smith, associate professor of education. "I taught elementary education for 17 years, 11 years in kindergarten. Children are very special."

"My work here at Southern is fulfilling; I'm very happy and content when I'm teaching. It's fun; I love everything about it. I'm especially committed to the educational program of early childhood development and the training programs for student teachers."

Fulfillment through education is not a stranger to Smith's heritage.

"My grandmother was a college graduate nearly a century ago," she said. "She was a great inspiration to me."

New to Missouri Southern's faculty this year, Smith feels right at

home.

"What has impressed me the most is the strong academic commitment to giving students a good quality education and the warm relationships between faculty members and the students," she said.

"There are many benefits as part of the staff here. I fully enjoy their wellness programs," Smith said.

Achievement was not sudden for her. Married young and having a family to care for, her goals and dreams of a master's degree and a doctorate were put on hold for several years. It was not until 1982 she received her master's in elementary education. In 1986 she received her doctorate in elementary education with an emphasis in early childhood development from the University of Arkansas. Her goals are now fulfilled.

Her new career began at Pittsburg State University in 1986. During her four years at PSU she was involved in several programs, including curriculum development and instructor for student teachers. She developed a new program not offered before, early childhood development.

Traveling is one of the things

Smith enjoys. She and her husband of 35 years vacation often. They have been to Switzerland, Germany and Jamaica.

"Germany was the most enjoyable," Smith said. "Having family there had a great deal to do with it. I enjoyed my time with them. Germany was special to me."

"But the best place of all is America. It's the greatest place to live," she added.

Some of Smith's hobbies include knitting, crochet, sewing, and flower gardening.

"I enjoy these things in my leisure time, which isn't often," she said. "My greatest pleasure is teaching and loving everything about it."

Smith has two children, both of whom graduated from Southern. Her grandsons are just a year old and live in Phoenix with her son and daughter-in-law.

"The distance between us is hard to accept because the twins are so young," Smith said. "But we keep in touch and visit as often as we can."

"I'm looking forward to a successful and rewarding year here at Southern."

## White likes to help

Serving students important to secretary

By MIKE JOHNSON

CHART REPORTER

Family and helping others are important parts in the life of Becky White.

"I like working with students and helping people out if I can help them out," said White, admissions secretary at Missouri Southern.

White, who rejoined the staff at Southern in November, previously worked as a cashier in the business office for three years and then transferred to athletics and was James Frazier's secretary.

"I came back to Missouri Southern because I needed a job," she said. "They hired me back because I had worked here before."

White said her job is an important one.

"Everybody who comes to Southern has to go through my office first," she said. "We handle all the applications. If it gets put in wrong here, it's wrong everywhere else—so we make sure we do it right."

Her job has its ups and downs. She says one of the best parts is that she gets to work one on one with students of all ages. She said the worst part is that it gets hectic.

"You meet yourself coming and going," White said. "You feel like you don't have enough help."

Not only does White work here, she also is taking classes as an elementary education major.

"I have always enjoyed being with and working with kids," she said. "I have also toyed with the idea of after getting my degree going on and getting my master's and maybe even teaching out here."

White, a sophomore, would have handled her life differently if she could do it over again.

"I wish I would have had the foresight that I have now when I was 18," she said. "I never would have dropped out of school then. I'd have



Becky White

stayed in and gotten my degree. Goals and objectives are more focused now than they were then.

White considers being married with three children a major accomplishment. She and her husband are involved with their children's school activities, especially the summer baseball program in Joplin.

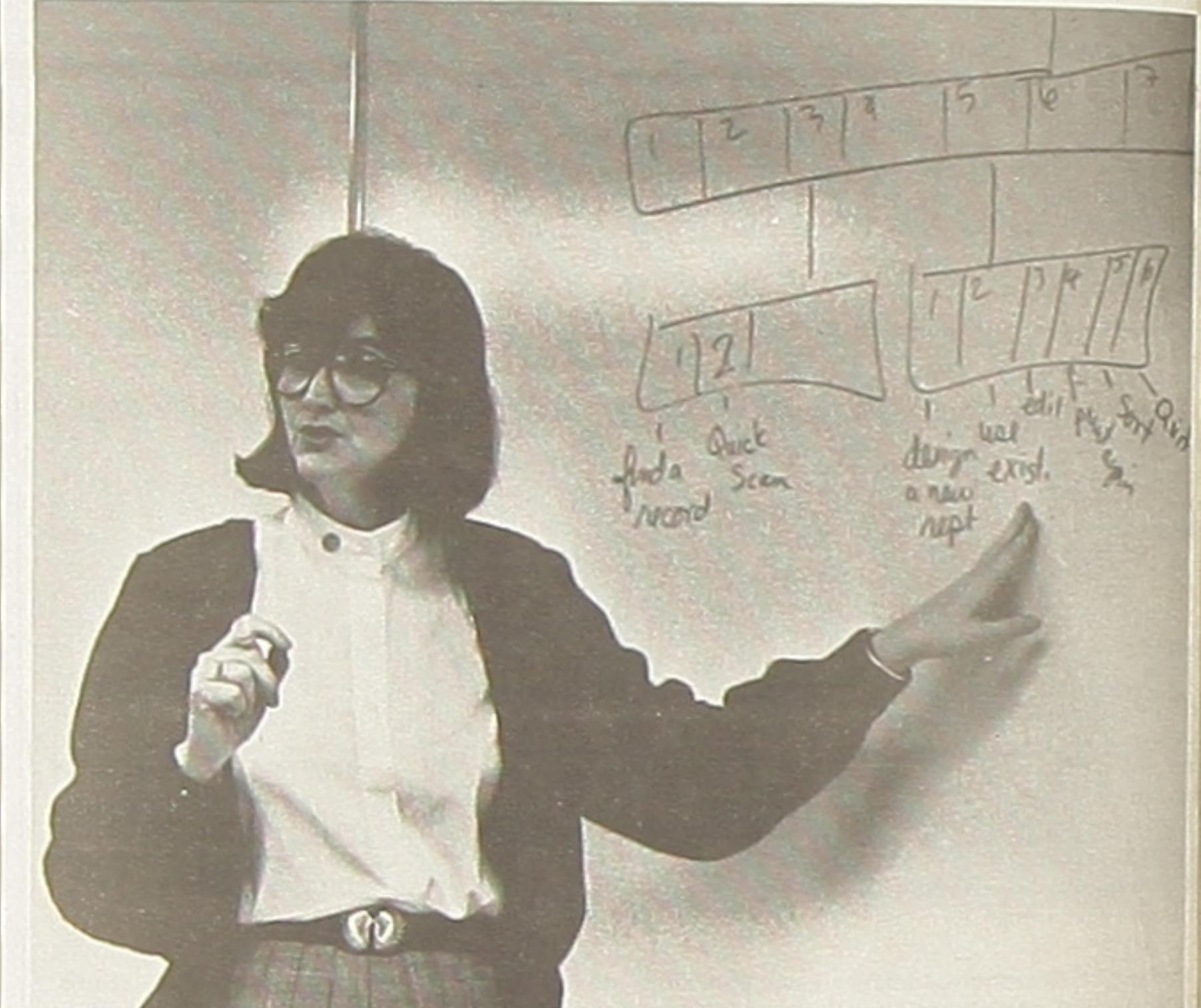
"We are involved big time with the baseball," White said.

She also enjoys good comedy stories, and thriller books.

White was born and raised in Joplin, but graduated from Grand Prairie, Texas.

"I'm still working for my big degree. It's a long, slow drudgery process, but I will get it."

## BACK IN THE U.S.A.



Robin White, adjunct computer instructor, lived in the Middle East for 10 years of her childhood. White's father worked for an oil company in Saudi Arabia. White said there was little mixing between cultures.

JEFFREY SLATTON/The Chart

## ► SOFTBALL

## Clarke loses first

By STACY CAMPBELL

SPORTS EDITOR

With the South Division title and No. 2 national ranking firmly in hand, the Lady Lions' softball team hit a bump in the road yesterday.

Southern, 35-6, suffered a pair of defeats to Northeastern (Okla.) State, 4-3 in eight innings and 4-2.

Coach Pat Lipira said the opening game should have been a win.

"In our previous four losses it didn't bother because the team beat us," she said. "This one was tough because we outplayed them in every part of the game."

With Southern leading 3-2 and two out in the bottom of the seventh, Southern scored to force the game into extra innings and eventually win.

"We can look back and see a lot of little things we didn't do," Lipira said. "We essentially made only two mistakes and had the game sewed up."

The loss was the first for sophomore Andrea Clarke (20-1), who was looking to break the national record of 20 consecutive wins.

This loss was especially tough for the fact it was Andrea's first loss," Lipira said.

Lipira said the Lady Lions were better in the second game, losing 4-2. "It was over early," she said. "They scored early and we committed too many errors."

Senior Renee Weil led the offensive attack, going five for seven, knocking home two runs, and scoring one. Senior Diane Miller went two for six with two RBIs and one run scored.

Sophomore Angie Hadley took the lead in the second game to dip to 4-2 in the season.

Southern went into yesterday's ac-

tion as the No. 2 team in the nation, a fact Lipira would have liked to have known before the game.

"It might have fired the players up to know they were ranked second," she said. "[It] might have been just the boost they needed."

They have had a great season, and it shows to get ranked second."

Tuesday, the Lady Lions, 10-0 in the conference, wrapped up their third consecutive MIAA South Division crown with three victories in Bolivar.

Southern opened with a 5-0 blanking of the University of Missouri-St. Louis behind a four-hitter by senior Cheryl Kopf.

In the middle game, it took five innings for Southern to knock off the University of Missouri-Rolla 7-0. Clarke threw a one-hitter for her 12th shutout of the year.

Southern wrapped up the day with a 10-2 win over Lincoln. Sophomore Sharon Wright got the win to raise her record to 6-1.

Lipira said the accomplishment was one to be proud of.

"It is neat because we have been in the MIAA three years and won the South all three," she said. "We need this to carry over into the conference tournament."

Southern will try to get back on the winning track during the Missouri Western State College Invitational tomorrow and Saturday in St. Joseph.

At 2 p.m. tomorrow, the Lady Lions open play against Northwest Missouri State University. They meet the University of South Dakota at 5 p.m. On Saturday, they have a 10 a.m. rematch with Quincy College, a team that beat them last week. Southern will finish the tournament against Missouri Western at 11:30 a.m.

## ► TENNIS

Hoch goes to 12-1  
Lady Lions take on 3 MIAA foes

By STACY CAMPBELL

SPORTS EDITOR

After trying its hand with Division I opponents, the Lady Lions' tennis team will take the road for conference action tomorrow and Saturday.

Southern, 8-5, opens play at 3 a.m. tomorrow in St. Joseph against Missouri Western, then continues the road trip with matches in Maryville and at 1 p.m. the Lady Lions face Central Missouri State.

Georgina Bodine, head coach, says this weekend as big.

"I haven't seen scores from Missouri Western and don't know much about them," she said. "Central Missouri, I don't know just what to expect from them either."

"I have seen a lot of Northwest, and they are the toughest team in the conference. Their coach said it is their best team in the 13 or 14 years he has been there."

Bodine said junior Angie Mayers, who has been out with an injury, should be available at the No. 1 singles slot.

The Lady Lions will tune up with exhibition match against Johnson County Community College at 3 p.m. today on the Southern courts.

Last Friday and Saturday, Southern lost to two Division I schools 5-4 and 8-1 to Oral Roberts University. The Lady Lions were able to

rebound and defeat Northeastern (Okla.) State 5-3 later Saturday in a weather-shortened match.

Bodine was pleased with the performance of her team despite the losses.

The UMKC match was a very good match that came down to the last match and was exciting, but we just came up short," she said. "ORU is a very good team all the way up and down the ladder."

Junior Diane Hoch had the biggest weekend, going 3-0 in singles to raise her season record to 12-1. She and Melissa Woods went 2-1 in No. 2 doubles action.

Hoch thinks she still is not in top form, however.

"I am not playing my best yet," she said. "I was playing better at the end of last year."

"I need to keep practicing because since I came in late I feel like I am still behind everyone else."

In the UMKC match, Woods won at No. 2 singles, 6-4, 6-4; Hoch won at No. 4 singles, 6-0, 6-1; and Kendal Cottrell won 6-2, 6-1 at No. 5 singles. In doubles competition, Woods and Hoch won 6-3, 6-1.

Against ORU, Hoch won 6-3, 4-6, and 6-2 at No. 4 singles.

The Northeastern State match saw Woods win 6-2, 6-0; Hoch 6-4, 6-1; and Cottrell 6-0, 6-1.

Hoch and Woods won in straight sets 6-2, 6-2, while Cottrell and Lori Housh won the match for Southern in three sets with a 6-1, 4-6, and 6-2 victory.

## Intramural Sports

## Co-Ed Softball

## Upcoming Games

Thurs. April 16

3:00 TBA's vs AK's  
Untouchables vs REEB4:00 TBA's vs Untouchables  
Lounge Lizards vs Dana's Kids

The Intramural Spikefest Team represented Southern at the Univ. of Texas at Arlington's regional competition. Southern ended the tournament with a 1-3 record.

40 teams competed and each participated in a T-shirt exchange.

Team Members:  
Tasha Tifford  
Carrie Swindel  
Sean Barron  
Bobby Nichols  
Jim Kantola

Tues. April 21

3:00 The Silverbullet vs Schwingers  
Wogs vs Epsilon4:00 Eradicitors vs Wogs  
The Silverbullet vs It's The Shoes

## JOCKEYING FOR POSITION



Junior Jason Riddle (4) battles his way around the competition to the front of the pack during the 1500-meter run Friday at the MSSC Crossroads Invitational. Riddle outdistanced the field in a time of 3:58.

## ► TRACK AND FIELD

6 capture firsts at home  
Central Relays on tap tomorrow

By NICK COBLE

STAFF WRITER

Familiar surroundings proved beneficial for the Missouri Southern track Lions during their first home meet of the season Friday.

"We're competitive, we've grown, and we're going to continue to grow," said Tom Rutledge, head coach.

"We did control a lot of the events. We're still behind in the conference, though, because of our depth."

Senior Donna Boleski clinched two first-place finishes in the 1500 meter (4:51) and 3000 meter (10:45).

In the 5000 meter, senior Brenda Booth captured first (18:59), followed

by freshman Rhonda Cooper (second, 19:14). Cooper finished third in the 800 meter (2:24). Freshman Stacie Moses took second in the javelin (120-7).

In the men's division, Jason Riddle captured first place in the 1500 meter (3:58) and 5000 meter (15:31).

"I did pretty good in the 1500 considering the wind," Riddle said. "In the 5000, I didn't feel so good. I think there was too much time between races and I got tight."

Matt Houck improved in the shotput, placing fifth (49-10). He was followed by Jay Pride (sixth, 48-6). John Buchanan won the long jump (24-3 1/2) and Cedric Florence finished fourth (22-9).

In the 3000 meter steeplechase, Joe Wood and Curt Rosenbaum finished first and second, respectively (9:50, 10:24). Willie Howard captured third in the 400-meter dash (50.74), followed by Carlos Haley (51.40).

In the 800-meter run, Troy McCubbin and Higinio Covarrubias set the pace with a one-two finish (1:55.74, 1:55.77).

Saturday's high school invitational was cut short due to inclement weather. Overall, however, Rutledge termed the weekend's events a success.

Southern will send the majority of its team to the Central Missouri State University Mule Relays tomorrow. Riddle and McCubbin will compete in the Kansas Relays at the University of Kansas Saturday.

## ► BASEBALL

Comeback keys sweep of ORU  
Lions need one victory to clinch division championship

By ROD SHETLER

STAFF WRITER

After dropping two out of three games to Oral Roberts this season, the baseball Lions came into Tuesday's doubleheader with something to prove.

After falling behind by five runs in the opener, the Southern bats came alive by banging out three runs in the fourth and taking the lead in the fifth behind second baseman David Fisher's second home run of the season.

The Lions tied the game 6-6 in the top of the seventh. Rightfielder Mike Zirngibl scored the game winner in the bottom of the inning on centerfielder Jason Halvorson's grounder to short.

Leftfielder Bob Kneefe hit his first career inside-the-park home run in the fourth for Southern, scoring two. Designated hitter Dane Leatham

went three for three in the opener. Darren Gaffney, who relieved starter Mike Ashmore in the fifth, picked up the victory to extend his record to 3-1.

After the opening-game victory, the Lions were not going to be denied the sweep of the Titans. Southern pounded out 12 hits in the nightcap, trouncing ORU 13-3. Starter Jeremy Beres (2-1) allowed six hits and three walks in the shortened five-inning game.

Shortstop Scott Madden went three for three at the plate with a single, double, triple, walk, four runs scored, and four runs batted in.

The sweep of the NCAA Division I Titans did not shock the Lions, now 36-10.

"I'm not really surprised we swept them," said third baseman Bryan Larson. "We should have beat them the other two times we played them."

The potent offense and consistent

pitching is coming around at the necessary time in the season for the Lions.

"Beres and Ashmore did a great job starting for us today," said Warren Turner, head coach. "These guys (Oral Roberts) have given us fits this year."

"Our pitching did well today, and we're going to need four or five good starters when we head into the conference tournament."

The Lions increased their MIAA South Division lead by winning two out of three last weekend in a series against the University of Missouri-St. Louis. The Rivermen were ranked ninth in the nation in the NCAA Division II poll.

The wins at St. Louis mean the Lions need only one victory at Southwest Baptist University in a three-game series starting tomorrow to clinch their second South Division championship in a row.

## ► VOLLEYBALL

## Traywick signs four

By STACY CAMPBELL

SPORTS EDITOR

In hopes of continuing the success of last season's squad, the Lady Lions' volleyball team has signed four players for next season.

Southern is still looking at two other recruits.

Coach Debbie Traywick has signed Tracy Gray, 5-foot-10 middle hitter from Oak Park High School in Gladstone; Angie Greathouse, 5-8 hitter from Diamond; Beth McKinley, 5-11 middle hitter from Eldon; and Kari Perry, 5-11 middle hitter from Webb City.

Heather Williams from Aurora and Jennifer Benson, 6-0 middle hitter from Lincoln, Neb., are still possibilities.

Traywick thinks the recruiting

class so far ranks as an eight on a scale of one to 10.

Greathouse, an all-state selection, will be a help defensively, Traywick said.

McKinley, also an all-stater, led Eldon to the state title and could have an immediate impact.

"We beat out about 20 schools for her," Traywick said. "She will play for us next year."

Gray may change positions next year, according to Traywick.

"She may be moved to outside hitter," she said. "She's a good, solid athlete and has a good vertical jump."

Perry is a two-sport athlete who also will be involved in track.

"She is physically strong and works hard," Traywick said. "She will overcome a lot with that."

## CHAD HAYWORTH

## Greenlee deserves a chance

Sometimes opportunity knocks twice.

George Greenlee, assistant professor of English, was offered the head coaching position of the soccer Lions twice. The first time he turned them down, but after Scott Poertner's departure for Blue Springs South High School, the job is all his.

After Greenlee's appointment was announced, a colleague of mine remarked, "Great, another guy with no experience and no clue as to how to coach."

Wrong, pal. Greenlee can handle it. He has coached soccer for some time, and he knows how to do it. A College secretary, in fact, says he "lives, eats, and sleeps soccer."

Greenlee takes over a program that only a few months ago was in disarray.

After a poor season under a head coach who wasn't happy with his part-time status, the recent speculations on the team's budget seemed to push it toward extinction.

The team was adrift in a sea of uncertainty with no map and no paddle.

Greenlee has both. He is a long-time coach who has enough experience both as a coach and a teacher to be effective for the program. He can coach the team on the field and assist the players in their classroom pursuits. He will push them to succeed without sacrificing academics.

He also knows enough about soccer to take the players' raw abilities and refine them into winning skills.

His problem will be in sustaining the College's interest, and the players' interest in Southern.

Soccer in America has an image problem, and nowhere is that more apparent than Southern. How many fans did the average Lions' soccer match attract last year? Five? Maybe six?

# Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder

## Disorder a battle for teen

By DAWN ADAMSON

ARTS EDITOR

**A**t 13 years old, Seth Boyd does not lead an ordinary life. Seth has attention deficit-hyperactivity disorder. The disorder is characterized by excessive hyperactivity and the inability to focus attention for long periods of time.

"He was just getting ready to turn 5—just getting ready to go into kindergarten—and we knew he was more active than normal," said Becky Boyd, Seth's mother.

Earlier, Seth's physician told his mother his behavior was "normal." She again took Seth to see the doctor.

"Before we went into the doctor's [office], I gave him (Seth) a nice big glass of Kool-Aid. When he went in, he was literally climbing all over the office and around the doctor's neck," Becky Boyd said.

Seth began taking a medication, Silert, to calm him. Later, he was introduced to another medication, Ritalin. It seemed to work for a short time, but later was switched to Imiprimate. Seth takes Clonidine for a tick he has developed—uncontrollable head turning and eye and mouth movement.

Because of medication changes, Seth's behavior upset teachers in his eighth-grade classes at Joplin Junior High School. Even though they knew about the change of medications, he was written up several times and sent to the Transitional Learning Center or TLC (isolation).

"He was in TLC for two weeks because no one was constantly on him about his work," Becky Boyd said.

Seth has difficulty with school-work because he is unable to focus his attention long enough and he gets frustrated.

"He always has trouble with math, but he reads constantly," Becky Boyd said. "You ask him what he read and he doesn't know, but later he can go back and tell you. It seems he has trouble with short-term memory."

The school does not believe Seth qualifies for special education.

"I think the ideal situation would be like in grade school where you have one teacher and you don't have all the distractions of changing classes," Becky Boyd said.

In elementary school, Seth had difficulty controlling himself when his medication wasn't taken on time. The school would call his mother and ask her to pick him up because he was too out of hand. When Seth had calmed down, she would take him back to school.

Becky Boyd said Seth doesn't think

### THE FINISHING TOUCH



Seth Boyd, 13, works on a drawing for Dolly Gates' seventh-hour art class at Joplin Junior High School.

things out before he does them.

"There's not a stop, think, thought process," she said. "[Seth has done] things like climbing up on the garage roof and jumping off. There's another time when he was just a little tyke—we went to Schifferdecker [swimming pool] and he ran and jumped in where it was over his head."

Seth has had to go to Springfield to see a neurologist.

"He asked at what age he started walking—he never walked, he ran," Becky Boyd said. "He'd never sleep through the night until he was 2, and then he still didn't always. Naps were a joke. Once in a while he'd fall asleep, but not very often."

Seth liked puzzles and could play

with lock blocks for up to two hours at a time. His mother thought this was unusual because he couldn't sit still most of the time. He never watched much television.

Seth can't remember to do things without a constant reminder.

"As long as you give him one instruction at a time, he does do all right," his mother said. "But if you give him more than one he gets confused."

She said there are holes in the walls and windows that had to be replaced after Seth threw things or hit things.

Sugar, three to four days after consumption, turns Seth into a monster, she said.

Despite the disorder, Seth is active

in soccer and his church youth group.

He has a brother, Josh, 12, and a sister, Abby, 8. Seth and Josh fight violently. Becky Boyd said one day Josh was angry with Seth, and the result was one boy holding a hammer and one holding a walking stick, ready to hit each other.

"I think Josh resents Seth," she said. "Josh and Abby feel that Seth gets more attention."

Both of Seth's parents work.

"For a child like this, you need a really definite schedule," Becky Boyd said.

With their work schedule, that's just not possible.

"Right now, we go day by day," she said. "Right now, things seem smooth."

## ADHD generates varied behavior

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**C**hildren with short attention spans may face more than boredom.

Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder, as labeled in the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM-III-R), is a common yet often unidentified disorder.

Children having ADHD display difficulty keeping their attention focused.

"Attention is short; they kind of jump from one thing to another," said Dr. Jan Snider Kent, clinical psychologist. "They also exhibit hyperactivity. The other characteristic is impulsiveness. They don't stop to think before they act."

Snider Kent said not all people with the disorder are hyperactive. If hyperactivity is not involved, the disorder is called Undifferentiated Attention Deficit Disorder.

Actions common to this disorder are excessive restlessness, fidgeting, overactive behavior, excessive talking, impulsive behavior, attention-demanding, and hyperactivity. Per-

haps, the disorder will have to "stop" when a person reaches adolescence, she said.

"It sometimes carries into adulthood," Snider Kent said. "Adults need medication for the disorder."

Often, as a person gets older, he or she learns to control their behavior if the disorder is still present.

"There is some sort of neurological problem in the brain—the brain that helps focus your attention," she said. "The medication causes that part of the brain to come more active. It stimulates the neurotransmitters so that you are more able to focus your attention."

Snider Kent said the most common stimulant medications are Ritalin and Silert. An antidepressant called Imiprimate is also prescribed.

"Research shows that one out of every 10 children are afraid of taking a drug that causes abuse problems," she said. "In fact, they have a lower rate because they learn the responsibility of taking medication."

Snider Kent said children do not want to take the medication because they feel abnormal in

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sons with ADHD lack the ability to ignore irrelevant objects, actions of others, and noises; are easily sidetracked into aimless behavior; constantly need adult supervision; and have poor listening skills.

Physical aggression, inaccuracy, moodiness, exaggerated feelings, quick attention shifts, carelessness, haphazardness, restless sleeping, inability to follow rules, social inappropriateness with words or actions, poor decision making ability, and the inability to work for long-term goals or rewards are all characteristics of ADHD.

"You [the parent] need to be very specific when you give instructions," said Dr. Linda Davidson, clinical psychologist. "You use a lot of lists."

"According to the diagnosis, the disorder has to develop before age 7," Snider Kent said. "A lot of times people will say about their kids 'he was hyperactive before he was born.'

"Some kids don't have problems until they go to school. Reasons for this are that schools have a structured environment."

tion to other children. Others believe they are in control when they take their medication.

"Generally the treatment is multifaceted treatment," Snider Kent said. "Medication alone is not sufficient for treating the disorder. What the research shows to work best is a strong behavior management program along with medication."

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Teaching right and wrong is another reason for family education.

"You [psychologists] have to teach them [the family] to reinforce appropriate behavior," Davidson said.

Because a child with ADHD has a short attention span, learning is difficult.

"Commonly, kids with Attention Deficit Disorder will also have some sort of learning disabilities," Snider Kent said. "It's important to have the child checked."

### A.D.H.D. CHARACTERISTICS

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### PLAY BALL



Brad Eichelberger, 8, practices catching a baseball at his home.

## Emotional problems are big setback for 8-year-old boy

**'He is depressed forever when someone doesn't like him'**

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**E**ight-year-old Brad Eichelberger has been asking his parents how old he has to be to drop out of school.

"He's usually angry about school," said his mother, Cathy. "He hates school. It's really sad because he likes to learn about things."

Cathy Eichelberger teaches special education at Joplin High School.

"A couple of semesters ago, before Bradley was in first grade, I was sent to a seminar," she said. "I really had never heard anything about ADHD (Attention Deficit with Hyperactivity Disorder). As I was at the seminar, they were describing my childhood."

Eichelberger, who said she was hyper during her childhood, recently discovered that her husband, Donnie, had taken Ritalin (medication given to hyperactive people) as a child. Because ADHD is thought to be hereditary, she believed Brad had the disorder.

"He's really bright," Eichelberger said. "He has a normal IQ, if not a little higher."

When Brad entered first grade at Duquesne, his teacher did not think he had a problem.

"The teacher did not acknowledge that he had ADHD because she said he was not hyperactive," Eichelberger said.

the morning, but in the afternoon he doesn't get anything done."

Brad feels that nobody likes him, she said. He was given a gift from a girl in his class, and his mother said perhaps she liked him.

"Brad said, 'No—it was for a Sunday School class and she had to give something to the person in her class that nobody likes,'" Eichelberger said.

"Bradley is more emotional than mean with what he says. He gets depressed easily. He cries a lot for an 8-year-old boy," she said.

"Sometimes he acts like a girl. Little girls go through—Oh, she doesn't like me. He is depressed forever when someone doesn't like him."

Eichelberger said that working in the school system, she sees how other children act; and Brad doesn't act according to the norms.

Eichelberger said their physician put Brad on Ritalin for a short time, and it seemed to work. But after some time, he became angry. Because of the anger and depression, he was taken off the medication.

"I had heard at the seminar that if you give them something like coffee as a stimulant, it works kind of like Ritalin," Eichelberger said. "So this week every morning I've been giving him a cup of coffee."

"Brad has a 6-year-old brother, Eric, and a 6-month-old sister, Hailey."

"I see all the kids in a regular classroom, and I see what they should be doing and what they're capable of," Eichelberger said.

"I would like for him to have a normal childhood without all the frustrations he's having," she said.